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Marion and Mattapoisett Celebrate the Season

By Jean Perry

Even if it doesn't snow on Christmas day, Mattapoisett – you got your white Christmas this Saturday during the annual Holiday in the Park as snow flurries continued into the evening, trimming the tree in delicate white lace that only helped to enhance the holiday spirit as the town's Christmas tree at Shipyard Park was lit for the first time just after the snowy dusk descended.

With the help of Santa and Mrs. Claus, Rudolph, Frosty the Snowman, and the Showstoppers – not to mention the dozens of dishes of hot food served up courtesy of local Mattapoisett restaurants – the cold crisp air that late afternoon had nothing on the what-appeared-to-be record crowd, despite the wintry weather.

Over in Marion on Sunday afternoon, the Grinch, who made his way ubiquitously through the crowd and at every corner of Marion village, didn't try to steal Christmas this year. But he did steal the show – that is, until Santa Claus arrived at the Town Wharf in the traditional red lobster boat to the delight of hundreds of revelers gathered there to greet him. And once he climbed aboard his Clydesdale horse-drawn carriage to make his way into the village with a few lucky passengers, those attending this year's annual Marion Holiday Stroll filled the quaint narrow streets of Marion center, enjoyed songs from the Sippican School Band and chorus, and tasted their way through town at the various establishments doling out free hot cider, cocoa, cookies, candy canes, and hot dogs.

Welcome to the holidays – Tri-Town style.

On the cover: Let it Snow! – Even if it doesn't snow for the holidays this year, at least Mattapoisett experienced the feel of a little old-fashioned white Christmas on December 9 during the annual Holiday in the Park. Seen here, the snow had settled on the holiday lights at Shipyard Park already lit up while the town holiday tree waited for its moment to shine. Photo by Jean Perry

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Holiday Window On Little Bay

By George B. Emmons

A year ago my wife, Jan, and I moved to a local house with a panoramic shoreline view to be close to our daughter Elizabeth, a few blocks away. Now, we are getting ready for Christmas and trimming the tree with ornaments and lights in the true spirit and tradition amended safely by Thomas Edison in 1890.

Replacing the 17th century old world Eastern Europe strings of burning candles on tree branches with pins or melted wax, Edison not only altered our indoor tradition, but he also introduced the outdoor electric light display to brighten our spirits over the whole world.

Today, holiday lighting overcomes the darkest time of the year, December 21, the first day of Winter Solstice, which helps offset what is known everywhere as the winter blues, or SAD – Seasonal Affective Disorder.

The solstice is the day that has the fewest hours of sunlight during the whole year, but it is also when they almost unnoticeably get longer. This celestial station in the heavens has been observed since the beginning of Celtic recognition of astronomical definition visibly apparent in the Stonehenge temple of worship.

In modern times – and on Little Bay – this celestial transformation moves silently overhead while we sleep, but not in an unprepared way, since the tree is already decorated at the top with a bright and shining star as appeared over the little town of Bethlehem to welcome the Magi visitors from the east with gifts for the coming of our Lord.

While visions of sugar plums dance in the heads of youngsters anticipating the morning of Christmas four

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days later, the giving of gifts and the spiritual celebration that peaks the glorious family gathering is followed by New Year's Eve.

After singing the song that reminisces out the old but also rings in with the new, the following morning



brings the first dawn of the New Year. The first light bursts over the horizon with the promise of another day in our lives. It also renews hope for blessings that the horizon may hold in our personal and collective horoscope for family and all human beings around the globe.

Observing and celebrating the dawn out our windows has a rich local history going back to first Americans here. The Wampanoag Tribe called themselves "People of the First Light," as they were the first to see it rise out of the ocean at dawn. The nearby Narragansetts similarly called themselves "People of the Dawn," and around the beginning of the last century they published a small local paper called *The Dawn*.

Looking out my window on Little Bay, I would finish my nostalgia of this time and place in the heavens to take a poetic license from their historical spiritual meaning of the rising Sun:

*Hail to the light of day
 glory be to the gleaming ray
 as the sun rises over Buzzards Bay*

Sippican Teacher Racing Toward Boston Marathon

By Jean Perry

There's a lot running through Nicole Boussy's mind these days.

As a sixth grade teacher at Sippican School, a mother, and a wife, Boussy is always trying to stay ahead of the race when it comes to her tight schedule, her commitments, her goals – both professional and personal – that keep her sprinting each and every day.

But it's Boussy's most recent goal that has her students excitedly running alongside her.

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Boussy, an avid runner, has just been informed of her acceptance as a competitor in the 122nd Boston Marathon next year on April 15 – and her students couldn't be more eager to cheer her on.

"This is very exciting, very daunting, very challenging," said Boussy. Not just for her, but for the staff and students at Sippican, she said. "They are very excited," she said. "They are all on board."

The countdown in Boussy's sixth grade classroom has officially begun – 121 days to be exact – "But who's counting?" says Boussy.

Each day, the students cut one paper chain link from the 121 paperlink-long chain the students made. Boussy has enlisted the help of her students and the Sippican staff as she tries to reach her fundraising goal of \$7,500 for the 261 Fearless charity started by Kathrine Switzer, the first female to run the Boston Marathon back in 1967. Switzer's bib number: 261.

Boussy met Switzer for the first time about a month ago, she said, which was when Boussy decided to support the global nonprofit that works with and helps



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educate women through the platform of running as a way to approach challenges with a different perspective, as Boussy described it.

Boussy says her students have observed her passion for running and have even expressed an interest in running themselves. "And it's not just the young ladies," said Boussy. "It's all the sixth graders who are aware of my passion of running." She said some students have even asked Boussy to give mini training sessions during recess.

Boussy is planning several "spirit days" at the school to spread the word about 261 Fearless and its mission, and will hold some fundraising events throughout the year.

"Because there's a daunting task that comes with the bib number," said Boussy, "[and] so that we can all come together and be fearless and cheer me on..."

As excited as Boussy is, there are daunting days ahead, she says. After all, she's up at 5:00 am running most mornings before work.

"Honestly, I know it's going to be the kids that get

me up the hills in the end," said Boussy. "Those" hills, she said, referring to those 'heartbreakers' of the marathon. "With support and love and community," she said, "you can do it. You can get up those hills."

Boussy is inspired by the students as much as they are in turn inspired by Boussy who is now in the midst of a figurative marathon of "shower, crash, eat, teach, and still be a mom," said Boussy.

One sixth grader, Boussy said, actually saw her running one recent day after school and said to her the next day, "You run, teach, mom, homework..." suggesting perhaps the class should help out by cutting back on homework until the marathon is over.

"He's honestly one of my biggest fans," said Boussy. After every weekend, Boussy said, the student asks her, "Did you run?"

And that's good for her, said Boussy. It keeps her accountable.

"That's huge," said Boussy. "I hope it's something [the students] remember ... and something that they are a part of."

Boussy said she has two teams: her Home Team and the Sippican School Community Team.

"I'm so excited and proud to be involved with the Boston Marathon, 261 Fearless, and the Sippican School community," said Boussy. "To be supported by my family, friends, co-workers, and students on such a huge goal inspires me during my training."

So far, Boussy has raised \$350 in 19 days towards her goal of \$7,500. To pledge your support, visit her fundraising page <https://www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/261fearlessboston2018/nicoleboussy>.

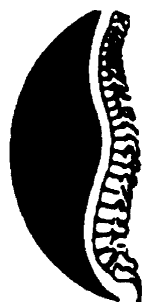
Mattapoisett to Join Community Compact Program

Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen

By Marilou Newell

With the end of the year fast approaching, the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen on December 12 handled a variety of agenda items – some of which should help the town now and in the coming years.

Town Administrator Michael Gagne told the



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selectmen that their fellow member Jordan Collyer, who was not in attendance on this night, had been attending meetings held by the Massachusetts Community Compact Program.

Gagne explained that the program, an initiative of the Governor Baker/Polito Administration, enhances the ability of the governor's office to work more closely and directly with cities and towns. Issues such as grant writing, best practices, and developing working strategies such as master planning are some of the areas the Community Compact Program focuses on with representatives from communities.

Joining the compact would enable the Town to receive grants reserved specifically for compact communities, like sister towns Rochester and Marion.

Gagne discussed the need for updating zoning bylaws, one aspect of master planning, saying it had been 17 years since the Town updated the document.

Gagne said in order to move forward with the compact and take advantage of the resources available therein, the selectmen needed to approve it. He told the selectmen, "I think this is the shot in the arm for ideas. We need to be on top of zoning and planning."

Planning Board Administrator Mary Crain has been reviewing zoning bylaws and uncovering deficiencies, and a motion was made and carried by Selectmen Tyler Macallister and Paul Silva.

Also related to the future of the town, Gagne



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reported on his field trip to the Mashpee Dog Park. He shared how well crafted the park was, including areas for young dogs to be segregated from older animals, water stations, benches, and pea gravel surfaces. Another notable feature of the Mashpee facility was a training area.

According to Gagne, he would be working with Bob Field of Field Engineering to overlay the Mashpee park onto the available space owned by the Town adjacent to the police station.

Silva asked how much land he thought the park might need, and Gagne estimated it to be about two acres while pointing out that the Town owns 40 acres in that area. Gagne will return with the next steps towards planning after conferring with Field and Highway Superintendent Barry Denham regarding drainage and retention ponds.

Continuing on the theme of enriching, enhancing, and improving the Mattapoisett lifestyle, Gagne said that he and Bonne DeSousa had been looking into bike share programs. He said such programs allow people to rent bikes from stand-alone bike share locations for as little as \$1 an hour.

DeSousa said the vendor supplies the bikes and the frame that holds them in place, and is fully responsible without any liability on the part of the Town. She added that the Southcoast Bike Alliance was looking to put a program together in the local area.

The main objective, Gagne said, would be to "get bikes down at Shipyard Park for boaters." He said visitors arriving by boat could use the bikes to travel around the community, frequenting shops and restaurants.

"It's a new idea that needs to be thought through," DeSousa explained as she noted that bikes could only be rented by people 18 years of age or older, and the issue of providing helmets needed to be considered.

On the theme of saving the residents money off their electric bills, there was good news to be shared.

Gagne said the Energy Aggregation Program was up for renewal in January and that the new proposal will allow participants to save three cents per kilowatt-hour over Eversource's rate.



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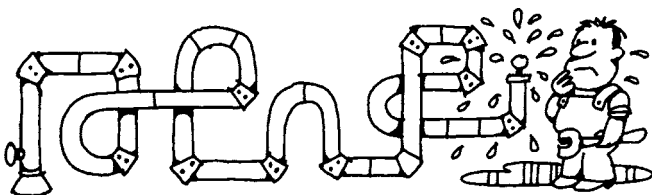
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"Over the past two years of the program, the twenty-three communities who have participated have saved eight million dollars," Gagne said, adding that the full program details would be posted on the Town's website.

Earlier in the evening, the selectmen recognized the nearly two decades of dedicated volunteerism by Josephine Pannell. Macallister said she has been a member of the Mattapoisett Historical Commission for 19 years. Pannell was presented with a plaque in honor of her service to the community and to commemorate her 90th birthday.

A new restaurant will open at Ropewalk in January. That was the news as Mike Sudofsky came before the selectmen seeking an alcohol beverage and common victualler's license.

Sudofsky said that hours of operation would be 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, and that the new venue would serve breakfast and lunch. He added that during the summer months, dinner may be served Thursday through Saturday until 9:00 pm. Sudofsky's request was approved.

The selectmen also approved a long list of licenses for various businesses throughout the community, but Silva paused first before moving on to another topic.

One of the businesses granted an all-alcohol and common victualler's license was the Lebanese Kitchen.

"I wanted to give them just thirty more days," Silva said, but he had been advised that he could not do so legally. Silva said the restaurant had been granted permits over a year ago, but had failed to open as scheduled.

"They are holding a license," Silva said. He asked that the proprietors be asked to attend the first selectmen's meeting in January to explain to the board "what's going on," he demanded.

For another business in town, Silva had praise. He said he was very satisfied with the efforts made by the owners of the Hillside Motel in maintaining a business model in line with instructions they received last year. Gagne concurred and said he was working closely with the establishment and that the police department was also satisfied.

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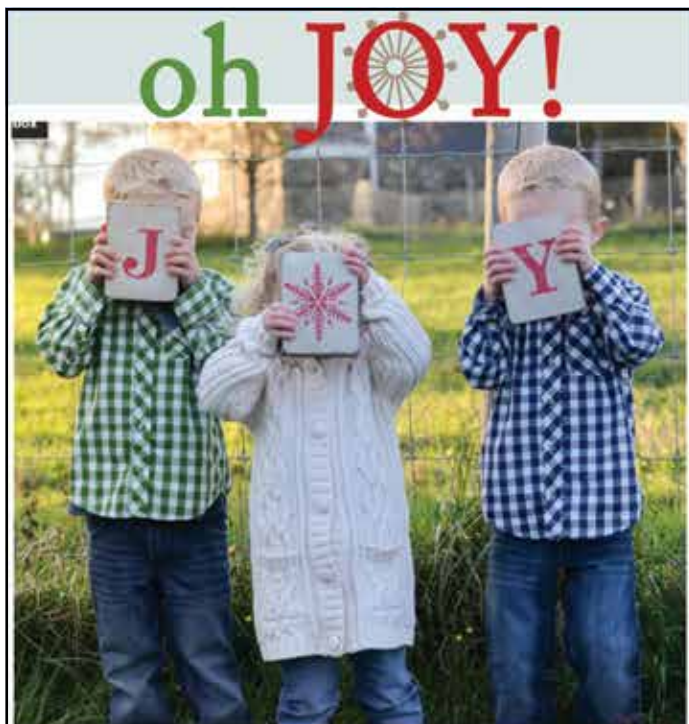
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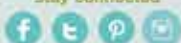
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Gagne also expressed his deep appreciation to all the people and the businesses that had come together and worked so hard to make the Holiday in the Park event a success.

Town Hall will close on December 22 at 11:30 am and re-open on December 26.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen is scheduled for **January 2** at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall conference room.

Tax Rate Down, Average Property Value Up

Rochester Board of Selectmen

By Jean Perry

The tax rate might be going down slightly – from \$14.49 in fiscal year 2017 to \$14.11 in FY18 – but this being the year the Town re-certified property values, Principal Assessor Charles Shea reported to the Rochester Board of Selectmen on December 11 that residential property values have gone up 5.37%.

Commercial property values are up 2.36%, industrial values are up 24.24%, and 10.10% for personal property, to be exact.

"If everything goes [as expected] tonight, we'll probably be stuffing envelopes this week," Shea stated, looking forward to finally issuing the most recent tax bills.

This year, Shea reported, the average residential property was assessed at \$366,755, "but that average is simply an average." You take the total value divided by number of properties, which gives you the average.

The average house last year valued at \$349,882 paid \$5,043.80 in annual taxes; this year, the same house now valued at \$366,755 would pay \$5,174.91 – an increase of \$131.11.

Shea emphasized, "That's only an average." He said there are very few homes in Rochester that fit that average, saying that 50% of homes are valued below that average and 50% are higher.

"That's the way the market has fluctuated," Shea said.

As per the recommendation of the Board of Assessors, the selectmen voted to maintain the town's single-rate tax to avoid shifting a significant tax burden

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onto the commercial businesses in Rochester.

As it stands now, the total excess in spendable cash from FY17 is \$6,836.

"So, we spent almost everything," said Assessor Jana Cavanaugh.

In other matters, the board approved the Conservation Commission's recommendation to appoint Christopher Gerrior to the commission, replacing resigning member of 18 years, John Teal.

Gerrior's mother, Laurene Gerrior, is also a member of the Conservation Commission.

Although he did approve the request, Selectman Greenwood Hartley first stated, "I'll be shocked if it doesn't raise eyebrows that we have a mother and a son on the Conservation Commission, and I have a concern with that."

Appearance is very important, said Hartley, "and we like to have diversity in thought as well."

Conservation Agent Laurell Farinon said those concerns were discussed by the commission.

Selectman Naida Parker said she understands those concerns but said, "You don't strike me as the type of person that's going to be dictated to as to how you're going to be voting," expressing confidence that his decisions would be predicated on his own independent thinking and not just on his mother's.

"I'm comfortable appointing you to this," said Parker. "Certainly if there starts to be a conflict, you will be aware of it before the rest of us and take whatever action is necessary."

The board also approved a new schedule of fees devised by the ConCom.

The next meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen is scheduled for **January 8** at 6:30 pm at the Rochester Town Hall.

Briggs Says Bylaw Drives Him Toward 40B

Marion Planning Board

By Jean Perry

Marion property owner Sherman Briggs is 65. He wants to retire, he says, and after ten years of trying to work with the Town on re-zoning the "Gurney" site,

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property he owns off Spring Street that he wants to develop into a multi-family condominium community, Briggs says he's done.

And as the Marion Planning Board and other town officials publically expressed their support for re-classifying Briggs' lots from General Business/Limited Industrial to a Residential E zone for multi-family housing, Briggs has one issue – being forced to comply with a town inclusionary housing bylaw (hereinafter referred to as "the bylaw") that would compel a buyer to provide affordable housing units within the development.

The December 11 special meeting of the Planning Board was intended to serve as a platform for the Town and general public to ask questions and brainstorm on

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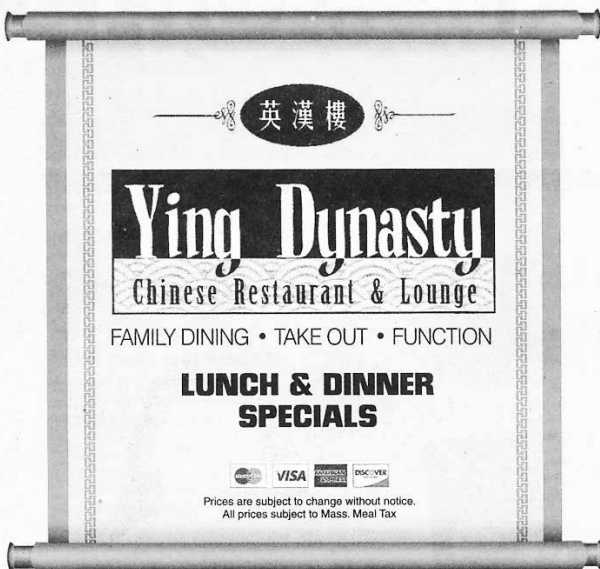
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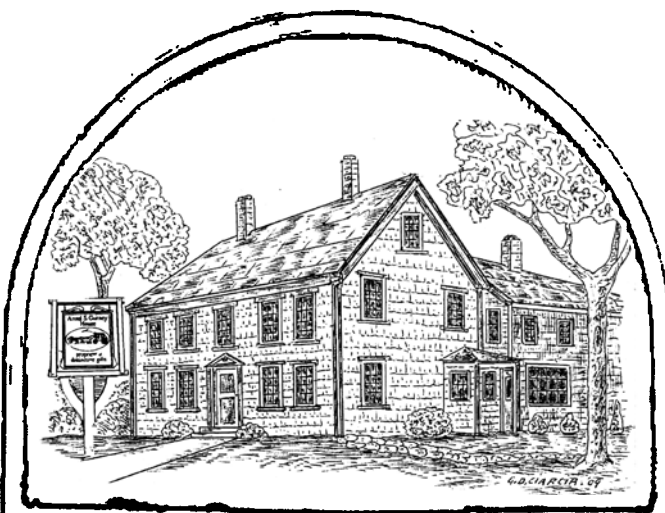
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how to pass a re-zoning article in May at the 2018 Annual Town Meeting. Some other members of other boards like the ZBA and the Housing Trust were also invited, and as Chairperson Eileen Marum led the meeting, it seemed like everyone present was on board the Good Ship Lollipop.

But eventually Briggs burst the board's figurative affordable housing bubble when he said he could be driven to sell his property to a 40B developer.

Marum supports the proposed project for various reasons, and fellow Planning Board member Stephen Kokkins acknowledged the potential to satisfy housing aspects of the Master Plan approved in October at the Special Town Meeting. Even Board of Selectmen member Steve Gonsalves said, "I'm pretty excited about this, I think it's long overdue." And if Sherman Briggs and his brother Arnold were willing to "put their money where our mouths are," then Gonsalves is good with it.

Briggs and brother Arnold listened as the group expressed their optimism and support for re-zoning for a condo community, and the support particularly for more affordable yet upper-level housing options, particularly for seniors. There was also enthusiasm for providing more affordable housing as mandated by the state.

The town's bylaw requires one out of every six constructed units as affordable housing (AH).

But for Briggs, the Town had better find another way of satisfying that 10% AH ratio because, he said, "People need to know that, if I buy it out ... it's close to a million dollars to make the transition and it kills the project."

Briggs was referring to an option provided by the bylaw that would allow him to pay a sum of money – \$200,000 per AH unit – to avoid including affordable housing units.

"This bylaw does not work. It needs to be looked at and and worked at," Briggs said. "All it's doing is driving us to go in the wrong direction."

He has waited long enough for the town to cooperate over the last ten years, Briggs said. "We need to come up with options on how to solve the affordable component of this project."

Marum said the Planning Board would like to

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resolve the AH matter before Town Meeting, adding that the board cannot dictate how Briggs addresses AH units in the 28-unit development he proposes.

During a follow-up, Briggs said the zoning bylaw would allow 32 units or possibly more for the site, but if he should go the 40B route, which he maintains he still may do if he cannot eliminate AH units and make the development plan financially viable, he could construct up to 72 units.

After the meeting, Briggs even mentioned acreage he owns near Piney Point that he felt could be an option for a 40B.

"You have options," Marum told him, "and it's in the inclusionary housing bylaw, and it's your

property, you're going to be doing the building, and the Planning Board is very supportive to get this [Spring Street property] re-zoned ... but you're the one who has to decide which option you want."

According to the bylaw, Briggs' options are to provide one affordable unit per six market value units (10% affordable housing), construct affordable housing units on or off-site at a location "so as not to be in less desirable locations than market-rate units in the development," pay the fee in lieu of providing affordable units at \$200,000 per unit, or make a donation of land to the Marion Housing Trust Fund.

Briggs called the Town out on its stance on affordable housing as he sees it.

"If the Town of Marion was one hundred percent behind affordable housing, based on this bylaw, why did it take ten years for the guy to get the 40B through? It doesn't make any sense." He continued, "This bylaw is ... forcing developers in the wrong direction."

Look at Mattapoisett for example, Briggs said, a town with only 2% AH. He said that the town approaches land owners and works with them, and he pointed to The Bay Club.

"Can you imagine The Bay Club with thirty-two low-income housing on the golf course?" said Briggs. "If ... Marion was behind affordable housing, why did we kick the (expletive) out of Ken Stein (Marion Village estates developer) ... and leave ourselves wide open for another [40B]?"

Briggs asked how many of those 48 units were affordable housing, but no one present knew the answer.

"I ask these questions over and over again, and I'm not getting any answers. We should have answers at the top of our heads," said Briggs. "Why did we fight Habitat for Humanity for five years before? ... Because we didn't want it."

Briggs will absolutely not subsidize any AH units, which is a subject in Marion, he said frankly, "that went over like a fart in church."

"This bylaw is not working – it's driving the nail and I'm gonna be doing something different because I'm not waiting any longer."



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Marum suggested they all hold on until after the New Year for Town Planner Gil Hilario to present some ideas on how to move ahead. She called it a "fruitful" meeting and suggested adjourning, but Briggs was not done yet.

Briggs said he'd like the inclusionary housing bylaw to go before Town Meeting and be jettisoned, while Building Commissioner Scott Shippey said someone would have to drive that article forward.

"We're trying to be creative and satisfy that bylaw," said Hilario, "and we've come up with a few ideas, perhaps purchasing four units from another area. [I'm] just not sure if it's possible." He continued to say, however, "I know it cannot be waived, I'm confident of that. There's no waiver request that's allowed."

In terms of an article petition, he said, "I just think it needs to be well thought out because it's not common for an inclusionary housing bylaw to be repealed." Not that the bylaw is a bad thing, he said, "It could just gain a lot of bad attention, a lot of bad publicity. It's harder to remove a bylaw than to pass one."

Seated at the table, Margie Baldwin said the Master Plan encourages mixed-use zoning with residential housing combined with commercial, but then pointed out that as history has demonstrated, "Master plans are voted on and then nothing happens." She urged the swift formation of another sub-committee consisting of Affordable Housing Trust and Planning Board members,



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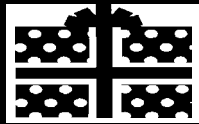
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and residents to tackle the issue.

Affordable Housing Trust Chairman Ruth Olson expressed her confusion over the AH component to developments, saying, "If my parents came and they sold their house and they went into a condo ... they're not going to want to buy a \$500,000 condo and their neighbors have the same thing for [\$250,000]." What is the incentive, she asked, if developers are forced to include affordable housing?

Not advocating for or against AH, board member Will Saltonstall said, "I just think that there's a lot of people that believe that all communities should have an affordable housing component," citing the bylaw as an alternative to a 40B, which would supersede any local housing bylaws. He added that some communities integrate low-income housing "in a way that you don't know they're there."

To Marum, AH units are best introduced slowly, saying, "It's a shock to a community when you have a large 40B community coming in."

Hilario reminded the group that once the 10% mandated AH is met, the threat of another 40B in Marion dissipates.

Marion is currently at 8% affordable housing.

Kokkins cautioned the Planning Board to avoid confusing or overwhelming voters at Town Meeting so re-zoning passes.

An article to re-zone the property failed at the October Special Town Meeting and had failed during several other prior town meetings over the past ten years.

Briggs summarized his stance, reiterating that the bylaw doesn't work, and the only financially viable way to decrease the disparity in the cost between market-value and affordable units – now roughly at \$500,000 versus \$215,000 – was to increase the number of units

As it stands now, Briggs stated, the Town is forcing him as a businessperson to go in the 40B direction with his land. Higher density equals lower cost, he stated.

"I would do twenty-eight [units], which is clearly a lot less," with 12 units per acre, said Briggs. "Twenty-eight is a better, sellable product. But when you start driving the cost up to get me where I need to be ... it's



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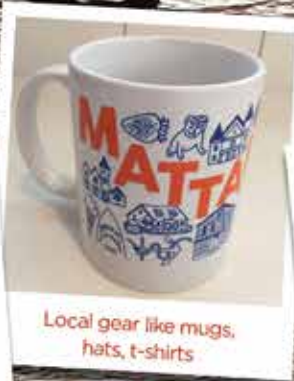
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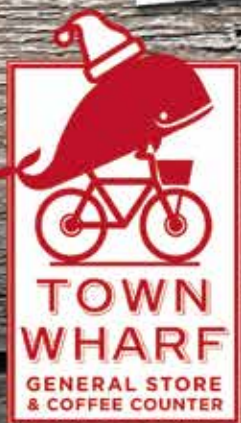
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pushing me closer to the seventy-two [units] and that's what that project would be if it were a 40B."

"And I'm going to make that decision really soon."

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Marion Planning Board should be **December 18** at 7:00 pm at the Marion Town House.

Town, Residents Want Marijuana Moratorium

Mattapoisett Planning Board

By Marilou Newell

On December 11, residents attended a special meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board to publically discuss the Town's options regarding recreational marijuana regulations.

Police Chief Mary Lyons, Fire Chief Andrew Murray, Public Health Nurse Amada Stone, Selectman Tyler Macallister, and Town Administrator Michael Gagne joined the Planning Board.

As the clock ticks down on a March 15, 2018 deadline – a date that will see the roll-out of state regulations and guidelines crafted by the Cannabis Control Commission – cities and towns throughout the state will either open for business, or have further time if a moratorium is adopted in time.

Conservative, yet energized Mattapoisett residents came out in numbers to add their voices to the discussion regarding what Mattapoisett should do now.

On November 8, 2016 Mattapoisett voters were split nearly 50-50 with a count of 2,200 against legalizing the sale of marijuana and 2,073 in favor.

On this night, not much had changed.

An attorney on the Town's legal counsel, Katherine Laughman, gave a presentation that mapped out where the state's regulations – or lack thereof – stood at this point in time, and what residents could anticipate in the coming months.

Laughman said that in July the governor had signed "An Act to Ensure Safe Access to Marijuana" (Chapter 55) and that a Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) was established to develop state regulations covering everything from personal use, cultivation, and



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enforcement to guidelines for local controls.

The Planning Board is seeking to understand what, if any, local controls the residents desire. And given the short window between July 2017 and implementation in March 2018, closely followed by an April 1 acceptance of applications by the CCC for recreational marijuana licenses, the Planning Board members are eager to hear all sides.

Before public comment, Chairman Thomas Tucker read a letter into the minutes from Director of Inspectional Services Andy Bobola. In his letter to the Planning Board, Bobola reminded them that when an "adult" materials store sought to open in Mattapoisett, resident opposition was strong. He urged the board to seek a moratorium.

Bobola's sentiments would be echoed throughout the balance of the evening, regardless of whether the person speaking was for or against allowing the contentious business model to come to Mattapoisett.

As Tucker opened the meeting for public comment, initially the silence was deafening. But it wasn't long before things fired up as residents stood to be heard.

"I'm confused," said Steve Rule. He asked Laughman if federal prohibitions wouldn't supercede state legalizations.

"The federal position had been non-enforcement," Laughman replied.

Tucker said public participation now would help



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to establish local regulations, adding, "We don't want to have this conversation on Town Meeting floor."

Resident Kathleen DeMello asked, "How is it going to be regulated ... can we go to 7-11?"

Laughman reiterated that state regulations would prohibit sales outside of licensed establishments.

Don Bamberger asked, in response to concerns aired that children would have greater access to pot if businesses were opened in town, "Anyone have kids in school?"

"They're exposed to it!" said Bamberger. "Embrace it, get tax revenue, control it." He added that even the well-known conservative, the late William F. Buckley, was a proponent of legalization based on positive financial implications.

Randy Smith said, "I am completely opposed to what he said."

Gagne said residents could call for a special town meeting before the April deadline.

"It would be a zoning bylaw," Gagne said. "You'd have two public meetings." He said the meetings would allow the Planning Board to hear from all residents before writing bylaws.

Gagne said, after that process, articles for a special town meeting warrant would be written and, if approved, the articles would advance to the Attorney General's Office for final adoption. "After that, the Planning Board can put forth a zoning bylaw."

Laughman said a moratorium, if adopted, would end on December 31, 2019, giving the town at least some time to write bylaws that would cover "time, place, and manner" for commercial establishments.

Resident John DeMello said, "Someone should look at what happened in Colorado." He said drug cartels were still in the marijuana business by simply doing what retailers do all the time to compete: "They cut their prices."

DeMello added, since any retail of pot would be a "cash-only" business, tracking the collection of taxes imposed upon sales would be impossible.

Concerns over the impact of legal marijuana on children continued.

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"Teachers spend a large percentage of their day telling students to stop bullying and stay away from drugs," said Cary Tucker. "Let's keep kids first and think long and hard about that.... Teachers have a hard job already." A job, she said, that would be made more difficult with stoned students.

Steve Griffin countered, saying, "A moratorium might make a lot of sense, but this is not for kids.

Liquor is the gateway drug and far more of a danger to kids... This is not for kids," he said, referring to the age 21 restriction planned for retail sales. Griffin added, "Anyone can grow it."

Karen Hay stated, "Prohibition didn't work ... Reagan's war on drugs didn't work ... Legalize it, control it, tax it, you're not going to stop it."

Liz Brown agreed, saying, "Retail sales are going to be here, why not tax it?" She added that they still had not talked about agriculture.

Laughman said residents over 21 were allowed to cultivate six plants for personal use, but that residents could not invoke current agricultural regulations to the growing of marijuana -that will not be permitted, she said.

Before adjourning, Tucker asked the panel to add it's comments to the mix, with Tucker first expressing his own fear.

"I get [drug] tested once a month," Tucker said. "I'm petrified someone is going to give me a brownie....

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Macallister said, "I'm here to listen and try my best to execute the will of the town ... I hope the Planning Board does go for a moratorium."

Stone said she is working with the school district on the Healthy Tri-Town Coalition, and that issue and many others were being addressed. She urged the community to "proceed with caution."

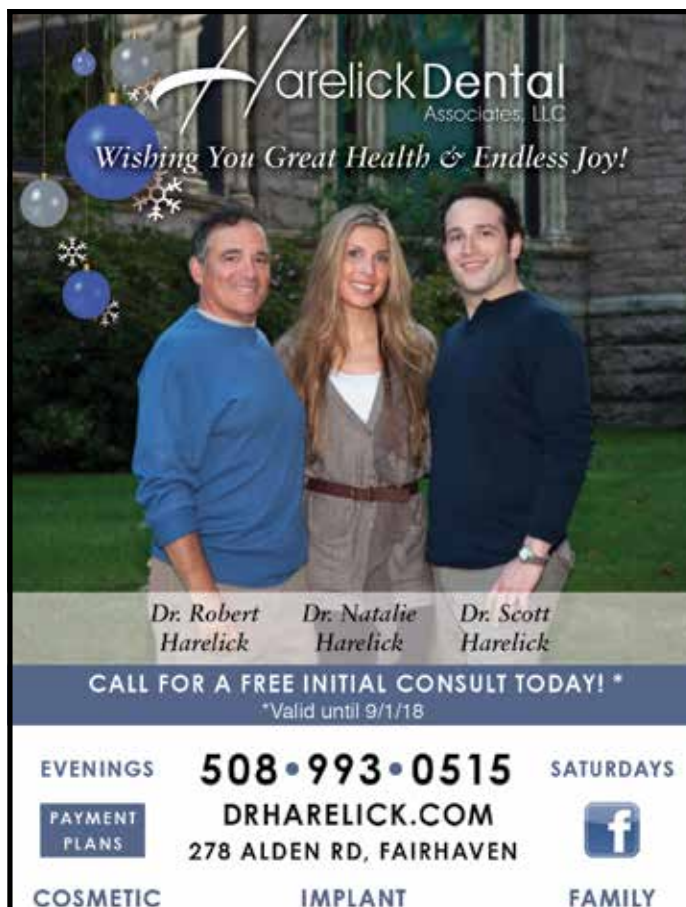
Murray said he supported a moratorium that would allow the Town to approach the matter the right way, but professionally he was "neutral" on the topic.

Planning Board member Nathan Ketchel said, "I'd rather approach this scientifically... We need to work with facts and stats."

Planning Board member Karen Field said she works in the medical industry, specifically with those suffering from respiratory issues. She was for a moratorium.

Planning Board member Gail Carlson pointedly stated, "I fully support a moratorium," as did fellow board member Janice Robbins.

Gagne said it seemed that, once again, the state was putting laws in place before it was ready. He said that the state "had its head in the sand," and that he is concerned about the lack of field sobriety tests for marijuana intoxication. Gagne also stated that state oversight of alcohol licenses was problematic, and he worried the same would hold true for marijuana.




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"The Commonwealth should take a breath," said Gagne. "They are rushing too fast."

Lyons, who throughout the evening had voiced her concerns about enforcement, public safety, and costs to the town, said, "The right thing to do is to have a moratorium."

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for **December 18** at 7:00 pm in the town hall conference room.

Over 55 Housing Slated for Town Center

Rochester Planning Board

By Jean Perry

The open field beside Plumb Corner on Rounseville Road may soon be the location of a 24-unit age 55+ housing development.

J.C. Engineering filed a Form B Application for Approval of a Preliminary Subdivision Plan on December 12 and received approval from the Rochester Planning Board.

A Form B simply allows the subdivision of land according to the zoning requirements, yet no plan has been submitted or approved by the board.

J.C. Engineering representative John Churchill offered the board a preliminary rendering of the overall rough layout, "Off the cuff so you guys can chew on it a little," he told the board.

"We're trying to preserve as much open space

as we can, minimize pavement, leave open an area up front," said Churchill, perhaps for a clubhouse very similar in style to the one at The Pines at Hathaway Pond.

"It seemed like the board liked that design," said Churchill.

The development, said Churchill, will likely feature duplexes with two-bedrooms, to total 88 bedrooms in all.

Churchill described the design of the duplexes as "very nice looking structures."

A section of open space will be reserved for a playground for the neighboring daycare, to which Planning Board Chairman Arnie Johnson calmly commented, "Cool."

The first time Churchill met with the board last month, the tone was more contentious, especially after Churchill questioned the board's ability to interpret and properly apply its own bylaw governing that property.

This meeting was markedly more civil.

Upon approval, Churchill thanked the board.

"And we're going to move on with an over fifty-five [development]," Churchill said.

In other matters, the informal meeting with Outback Engineering for Madeleine and Theodore Monteiro, Trustees of the Monteiro Family Trust, for a Special Permit for a back lot got somewhat complicated after the Outback representative explained that the lot is split between Middleboro and Rochester, with the house being built in Rochester while the frontage and driveway is accessed via South Street in Middleboro.

The applicant is seeking one buildable lot on the 41-acre parcel, but as Johnson perceived it, the applicant should simply try to obtain a building permit from the Town of Rochester before any further engineering work is done.

"Because it's already a lot that lies in Rochester and has access in Middleboro, so as far as I'm concerned there's nothing for us to do here," Johnson said.

The applicant has already filed for the Special Permit, and the hearing is scheduled for January. As the applicant gathers further information on where to go next, Johnson said the hearing could either be continued



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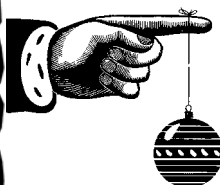


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or the applicant could withdraw the application if it was no longer appropriate.

"They've got nothing to lose," said Johnson.

The public hearing for the large-scale solar farm at 453 Rounseville Road for applicant Borrego Solar Systems was continued until the next meeting at the applicant's request so the board's peer review engineer's comments pertaining to drainage could be addressed.

The next meeting of the Rochester Planning Board is scheduled for **January 9** at 7:00 pm at the Rochester Planning Board.

Menthol Cig Ban Discussion Cools Down

Marion Board of Health

By Jean Perry

The Marion Board of Health is not yet ready to take any action on its proposal to ban flavored tobacco products and menthol cigarettes outside adult-only retail stores, with Chairman John Howard saying that the board was still in the "gathering information stage."

Still, representatives on both side of the issue continue to attend Board of Health meetings as long as the matter appears on the agenda for discussion.

On December 12, Dennis Lane of the Coalition for Responsible Retailing attended yet one more consecutive Marion BOH meeting to defend his stance that menthol cigarettes should not be included in a flavored tobacco/nicotine product ban, repeating such points as

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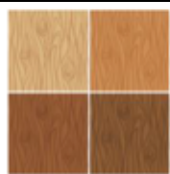
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discrimination against minorities who smoke menthol cigarettes at a higher rate than the white population, and also the disparity between alcohol laws and tobacco laws.

Retailers, Lane says, are the gatekeepers between the young population and nicotine-containing products, and the board should continue to trust the regulations now in place that have proven effective in Marion.

Just for clarification, Board of Health member Jason Reynolds asked Lane if his only objection to the flavored nicotine product ban proposal was with menthol cigarettes. "Yes," said Lane, saying menthol cigarettes account for nearly 35% of cigarette sales, which several Marion business owners have attested to during prior Board of Health meetings.

Cheryl Sbarra, director of the Tobacco Cessation and Prevention Program and Chronic Disease Prevention Program for the Massachusetts Association Health Boards, said she wanted to make it clear that some groups who have contacted the board recently are associated, and in some cases funded by, the tobacco industry.

Sbarra specifically mentioned the Massachusetts Association of Minority of Law Enforcement Officers who had sent letters to the Marion Board of Health and had attended a meeting in the past. Sbarra referred to MAMLEO as a branch of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives which, according to Sbarra and the research she recently did, has accepted funding from the tobacco industry in the past.

Sbarra went on to say that the common argument against a ban on menthol cigarettes by some Black public health advocates is that a ban would trigger a black market in menthol cigarettes and put the Black population at risk, since Black smokers comprise the largest population of menthol cigarette smokers.

The black market argument, Sbarra said, "It comes up every time menthol is being considered, but nobody has been given us any data on the black market... when you're looking at a restriction on flavor, including menthol."

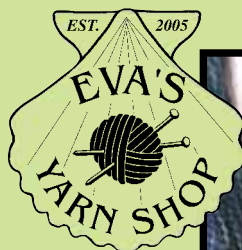
The Black community is not the only vulnerable population where menthol cigarettes are concerned, Sbarra said. In Marion, the young population and LGBTQ community is also targeted.

"Menthol is more dangerous than regular cigarettes," Sbarra said. "It makes tobacco easier to suck in with the menthol, and it also makes it harder to quit."

Reynolds asked Sbarra if there were any nearby towns that have enacted a ban on flavored tobacco and flavored nicotine-containing products (excluding menthol), and Sbarra said the Towns of Wareham, Carver, and Fairhaven have enacted such regulations.

The board will continue to discuss the matter, but as Howard stated, no further action is planned at this time.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Health is scheduled for **January 9** at 4:30 pm at the Marion Town House.



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Towns Wants ORR 20-Year Capital Plan

Old Rochester Regional School Committee

By Jean Perry

The town administrators of the three towns have asked the Old Rochester Regional School District to devise a prioritized 20-year capital plan, which led the Old Rochester Regional School Committee on December 6 to seek feedback from the budget subcommittee before moving forward with the seemingly daunting task.

Members of T.U.R.F. (Tri-Town Unified Recreational Facilities, Inc.), a committee dedicated to a complete overhaul of ORR athletics facilities, are hoping that facility upgrades will appear as a priority in that 20-year plan.

"They need it," said ORR School Committee member Carey Humphrey on behalf of T.U.R.F. "It needs attention and they have spent so much time in coming up with this plan with numbers, and it's just a matter of, how can we make it happen?"

And the goal for an athletics facilities upgrade is to make as minimal an impact on the school budget as possible.

Humphrey said, during a recent meeting with Tri-Town administrators, that the towns' passion for athletics upgrades "is very apparent."

Hal Rood, member of T.U.R.F., said, "I was very encouraged that they see the need, they see the safety issues." He continued, "They were very motivated to figure out, 'OK, how can we finance this?'"

Superintendent Doug White said town officials are mainly looking for the school committee to get the conversation started on planning for large facility projects and to formulate a long-range plan. The important part of that plan, White said, would be figuring out priorities to a 20-year capital plan.

Business Administrator Patrick Spencer in cooperation with Director of Facilities Gene Jones drafted a proposal; however, it would be up to the School Committee to prioritize projects.

The towns also asked that the school district provide information on retirement debt.

School Committee Chairman Tina Rood said she

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had a chance to review the draft proposal the prior week, saying, "I'm looking at this as an investment over time." She added that the list before them was a list of "needs, not wants."

Although no in-depth discussion on specific projects listed on the proposal took place, while looking over the draft School Committee member Heather Burke commented, "Whoever put together this information did an incredible job and must have had a massive migraine." She added that she wasn't aware that a 20-year capital plan was a requirement "or an exercise of something we were looking at as a whole."

"But we need to look at it," said Burke. "We can't always be behind the eight ball."



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"The only way you can get that is with selectmen approval," said White, "but the town administrators thought that they weren't even ready to have that conversation ... until the School Committee could articulate what our plan is going forward."

Burke felt that a 20-year plan would be difficult at best, since looking down the road, even just at fiscal year 2019, "You really can't anticipate the costs..."

Spencer commented that the typical long-range capital plan goes as far as 10 years.

"The town administrators wanted a twenty-year plan, so we accommodated their request," he said.

Rood thought it best to first look five years ahead, then start looking further.

"Two out of three towns have capital improvement committees," Rood said, stating that she felt some pressure faced with a 20-year plan. "Because we do have to have something happen for our facilities. Something has to change here," she added.

If nothing else, said White, "Hopefully it brings everybody together."

The School Committee anticipates the budget subcommittee will be meeting shortly, and during the next School Committee meeting the matter will again be up for discussion.

"This is a great start," said Rood.

In other matters, the committee praised the junior high and high school for their improved scores on the MCAs test.

Junior high school Principal Kevin Brogioli reported that in Grade 7 and 8 science, students scored an average of 12% higher than the state average in the proficient and exceeding expectations category, with 49 out of 89 Grade 8 students scoring just five raw score points below proficiency.

"And it's our job to push them over that bar for the next exam" Brogioli said.

Grades 7 and 8 students scored especially high in questions pertaining to technology and engineering questions – either at or above state average

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– and performed particularly well in the areas of communication, manufacturing, and transportation technologies.

In English Language Arts, Grade 7 did particularly well this year, Brogioli said, with Grade 7 scoring 24% higher than the state average for meeting or exceeding expectations.

“That was the highest in any disciplinary we had, or any grade level we had,” Brogioli said. “They really did a nice job.”

The Grade 7 student growth percentile was 47% and Grade 8 was 58%.

However, the school needs to increase its emphasis on writing, Brogioli stated, specifically with “synthesizing writing.”

Fifty percent of ELA students in the partially meeting expectations category were within five raw score points of success, Brogioli added.

In math, 11% scored proficient with 8% scoring advanced. Fifty percent met proficiency, versus the state average of 40%.

“I know we should be better than the state,” said Brogioli. “We are, but we want to hold ourselves to a higher standard.”

Grade 7 scored 18% higher than state average in meeting or exceeding the standards, and Grade 8 scored 9% higher than the state, with only three Grade 7 students not meeting expectations – 1% compared with the state’s

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average of 11%.

Grade 8 scored 24% higher than the state average of meeting or exceeding expectations.

"I think it's great that we consistently score above the state averages," said Burke, "but as you referenced, that's exactly what I would expect."

At the high school, Principal Michael Devoll reported that ORR has returned to a Level 1 school status.

"A year ago I sat here and predicted the return to Level 1 status, and we have returned..." said Devoll. "For us, the fifty-eighth percentile is the highest we've ever been in the state ratings. We have met and surpassed our targets for all students."

Devoll continued, "While I predicted this, I was very, very surprised and excited and pleased to see how well we did."

In Grade 9 biology, Devoll said students scoring in the advanced category "skyrocketed," improving by 10%, and increasing from 78% of advanced students to 88% – 14% higher than the state average.

In ELA, Devoll said, "We continue to perform at a very higher rate."

Students increased from 98% proficient/advanced to 99%, with an increase on advanced scores from 55% to 64%.

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In Math, the school went from 88% proficient/advanced to 95%, which is 12% higher than the state average.

The next meeting of the Old Rochester Regional School Committee is scheduled for **January 17** at 6:30 pm at the ORR Junior High School media room.

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ORR Update

By Jo Caynon

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"It's always been nice to know I have a group of people I can rely on, no matter what," said Chris Peretz, this year's ORR exchange student from Norway. "Plus, everyone in the club is so nice!"

AFS also organizes events and trips into the immediate and larger communities as well, in order to learn and engage in cross-cultural experiences.

Some smaller in-school events have been the annual pumpkin carving contest around Halloween, which introduces a major North American tradition to exchange students. Following the holiday, AFS students also baked and sold pies to faculty members of both the junior and senior high school for a Thanksgiving fundraiser, another annual tradition.

In the larger community, members helped out at the 16th Manjiro Festival in Fairhaven in October, a Japanese-American festival celebrating the first Japanese person to live in America and Fairhaven's relationship with its Japanese sister-city, Tosashimizu. They have also invited international high school students from all of Southern Massachusetts to join them at school for their yearly "International Dinner," where students bring in unique dishes from cultures all around the world and come together for a night of bonding.

The New York City trip is just another of these annual traditions that has gone on for many years. In the past three, the AFS club has seen the Rockettes and Times Square in the wintertime, and the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island in June.

Other than being a yearly event that many students look forward to, the excursion also serves as the first time in the Big Apple for some local and international students. Nevertheless, the trip offers a new experience for everyone.

"It was interesting; I had a lot of fun," said Peretz. "It was definitely different being there now than when I was eleven. Without any parents or family, it felt more real. I felt more like an adult."

"I think the New York City trip is a great experience for Tri-Town kids, and it was also nice to see how well rounded and respectful they can be," said English teacher Kate Ribeiro, who was a chaperone on the

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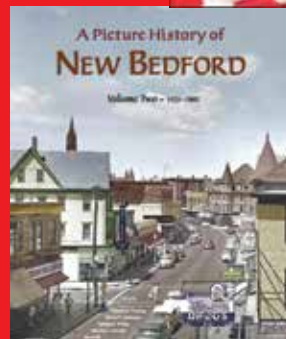
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trip. "I really didn't know what to expect because it's the first time I've been that far with students, but they were incredibly mature and followed the rules. I do wish that we got to eat more food, though!" she added with a laugh.

School Nurse Kim Corazzini heads the AFS Club and runs the annual trip.

"I think it went really well," said Corazzini. "The weather was excellent. Kids got to go to NYC and the Met for the first time. They also had free time to go around Rockefeller Center. It goes fast, but everything worked out well. It was a good trip."

The trip's first stop was at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, where students had the opportunity to take in some of Central Park's sights before they were admitted into the museum. Nearby was a Shakespeare garden, which holds every plant mentioned in the Bard's works, along with Belvedere Castle, which allowed for a panoramic view of the city.

The AFS club then had several hours to explore the Met, and quickly discovered that there was more to see than in just the amount of time they had. They entered into the museum through the Roman and Greek art wing, and several students enrolled in Latin courses could be seen translating thousand year-old tombstones from Rome.

"I'd never been there, so it was a whole new experience," said senior Ben Snow. "I'd never seen so much art before."

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The group made the two-mile trek to Rockefeller Center afterwards, weaving their way through the throngs of tourists similarly interested in seeing the iconic Christmas display. After a stop to take a picture in front of the 75-foot-tall tree lit up in all its festive splendor, students dispersed and took to the streets to shop, see the city sparkling with its holiday displays and decorations, and grab something to eat.

"My favorite part was getting to see the tree at Rockefeller Center and all of the lights on the buildings," commented senior Abbey Stark.

"The trip was nice because it appealed to everyone," added senior Emily Bock. "There was time to just walk around, go to the Met, and shop. We got a lot



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out of one day."

The ride home was filled with excited chatter over the day's events as students and chaperones relaxed. Besides being a fun day in New York City, the AFS trip also provided a bonding opportunity and a glimpse into a larger and rather diverse part of our national and world community for everyone involved.

OC's Jake Jason Continues Quest for 2,000 Points

High School Sports Update

By Nick Friar

In case you missed **Jake Jason** dominate for Old Colony boys' basketball last year, don't worry – there's still time to catch the first male 1,000-point scorer in program history.

Actually, you still have two seasons left to watch the 2016-2017 Mayflower Athletic Conference Small Vocational Division Player of the Year, who averaged 24.4 per game last year, helping him reach 1,073 points.

Between setting the school single-game record with 45 points and the regular season record with 548 total points, he's more than reason enough to catch the Cougars this year.

The 6-foot-3 Cougar will fill in wherever he's needed on the floor, according to Old Colony coach Matt Trahan. He'll have senior **Ben Maurer** working alongside again, filling in at the three or four position. Though Maurer is tall like Jason with a bigger build, the forward poses a threat from downtown on a nightly basis.

The major adjustment comes at the guard position with the loss of **Paul Soucy** to graduation. A Mayflower Small Vocational Division All Star like Maurer, Soucy's high energy helped Old Colony dictate the tempo of the game and was a headache on defense, too.

But Trahan has another player ready to help fill that role, someone who provided a spark off the bench for the 2016-2017 Mayflower Small Vocational champions – Paul Soucy's brother, **Zach Soucy**.

Though he wasn't quite as refined as his brother last season, Zach has had the offseason to improve on his craft in hopes of having a greater role this year.

"Zach's definitely going to have a great year," Trahan said. "You can see some of the finer points have come along for him."

In a time where teams are constantly changing divisions and conferences are growing or shrinking or disbanding or popping up, the Cougars have only one change to their schedule for 2017-2018 – dropping Coyle-Cassidy from the list.

While they don't seem to be looking too far ahead, Old Colony has two larger goals in mind this year: winning a vocational championship and improving from last year's run in the state tournament.

The Cougars lost 66-60 to Nashoba Valley Tech in last year's Vocational Championship, moved on to win

two games in the Division 4 South Sectional Tournament over Sturgis West (71-56), then on to Bishop Connolly (65-59) before ultimately falling to Monomy 67-47 in the quarter finals.

Where the boys are looking to capture the State Vocational title this year, the girls look to defend it. Led once again by Craig Lincoln, Old Colony will have to go on without **Steph Gagne**, who averaged 10.3 points per game and was named a Mayflower All-Star and **Taylor Carroll**, another league All-Star.

Abby Cioper, a senior guard and 2016-2017 Mayflower All-Star, is back for her final campaign after missing eight games last year due to a knee injury.

Old Rochester Regional

ORR girls' basketball started its season on the road Friday against a non-league opponent to warm up for South Coast Conference play. The Bulldogs were on the wrong end of a 45-22 game, losing the season opener to Durfee.

Old Rochester's leading scorer on the night was **Cassidy Yeomans**, who finished with 10. Although scoring wasn't easy to come by, the Bulldog freshman was able to find some space against the opponent, a bright sign of not only what's to come the rest of the season, but maybe what's in store for the Bulldogs' future.

Tabor Academy

Tabor boys' ice hockey squeaked one out on the road against the Noble and Greenough School, winning 6-5. The Seawolves had six goals from six different players, with the first two coming from **Cam Barbagallo** and **Kosta Sotiropoulos**, both scoring for the first time this season. Tabor's lone goal in the second period was scored by **Eric Pedro** on a power play in the second period. **Morgan Winters** and **Peter Lombardi** each scored a goal, tying the game at 5-5 in the third and final period. That would force overtime, which was when **Brad Tripp** corralled a rebound on a shot by Lombardi and scorched one past Noble and Greenough's goalie, giving the Seawolves the 6-5 victory.

Tabor girls' ice hockey has yet to lose this year, winning its fourth game in a row, 6-2 over the Rivers School. To this point, the Seawolves have only allowed four goals and scored 19.

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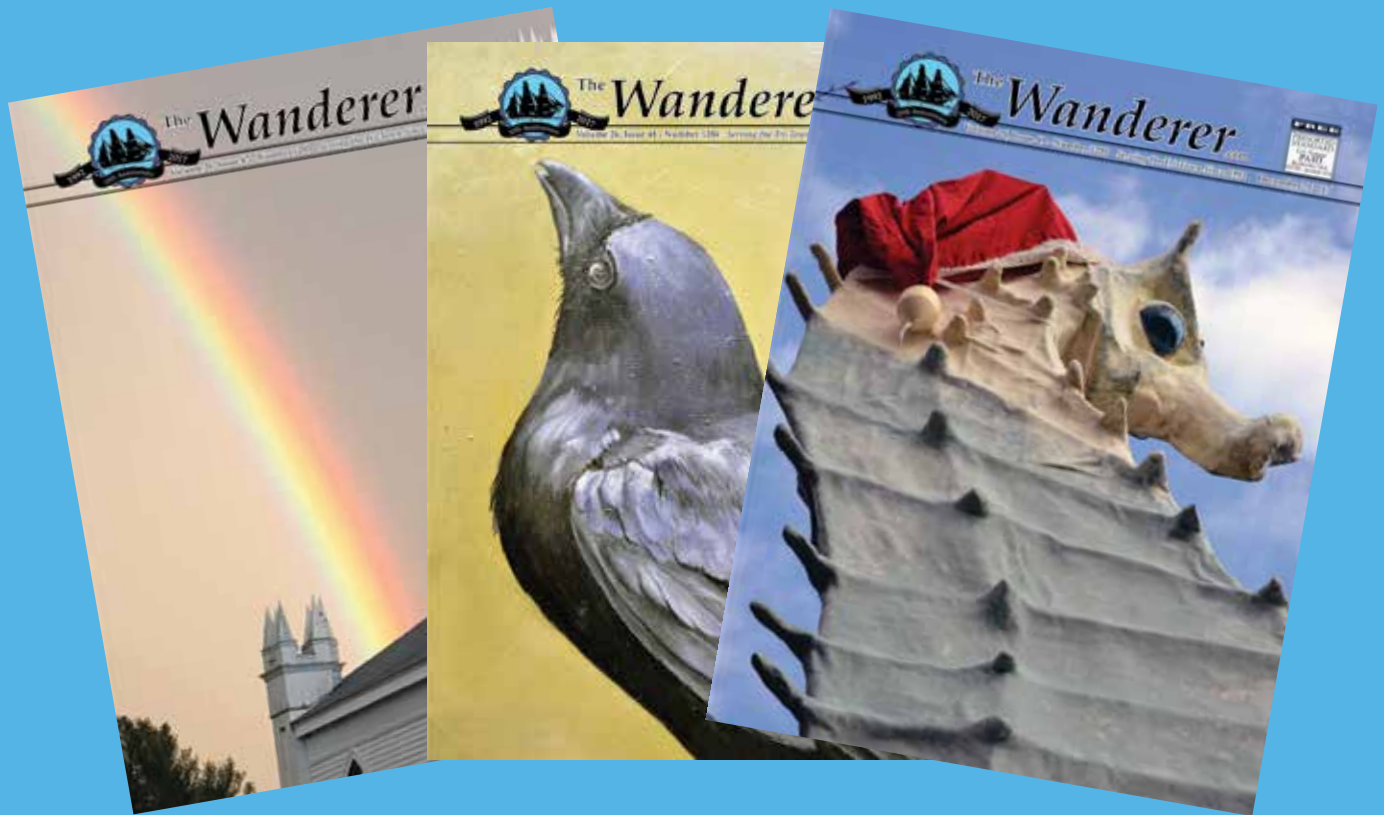
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Happy Holidays to all,

Mary Jane Rimmer-Doherty, Mattapoisett

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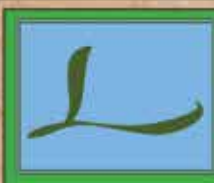
Each swimmer is asked to give a donation of \$15 (payable on the day of the swim) and the first 75 swimmers will receive a festive long sleeve T-shirt. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go to Helping Hands and Hooves – a nonprofit (based in Mattapoisett) that is dedicated to providing therapeutic horseback riding lessons for adults with disabilities.

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4:00 PM Sci-Fi Journal
5:00 PM The Mario and Dennis Show
5:30 PM Read, Rant, Repeat
6:30 PM Rochester Tree Lighting
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7:30 PM The Collective Chat
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7:00 AM Marion School Committee – November 28, 2017
8:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission – November 29, 2017
10:30 AM Marion Board of Selectmen – November 28, 2017
12:00 AM Marion Planning Board – December 4, 2017
1:00 PM Marion School Committee – November 28, 2017
2:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission – November 29, 2017
4:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen – November 28, 2017
5:30 PM Marion Planning Board – December 4, 2017
8:00 PM Marion School Committee – November 28, 2017
9:00 PM Marion Town House Meeting – November 13, 2017
11:30 PM Marion Town House Subcommittee – November 27, 2017

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7:00 AM Rochester School Committee – November 16, 2017
9:30 AM Rochester Planning Board – November 14, 2017
11:30 AM Rochester Board Selectmen – November 27, 2017
12:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission – December 5, 2017
2:00 PM Rochester Regional School Committee – December 6, 2017
4:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectman – November 16, 2017
5:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission – December 5, 2017
6:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals – November 9, 2017
7:00 PM Rochester School Committee – November 16, 2017
9:30 PM Rochester Regional School Committee – December 6, 2017

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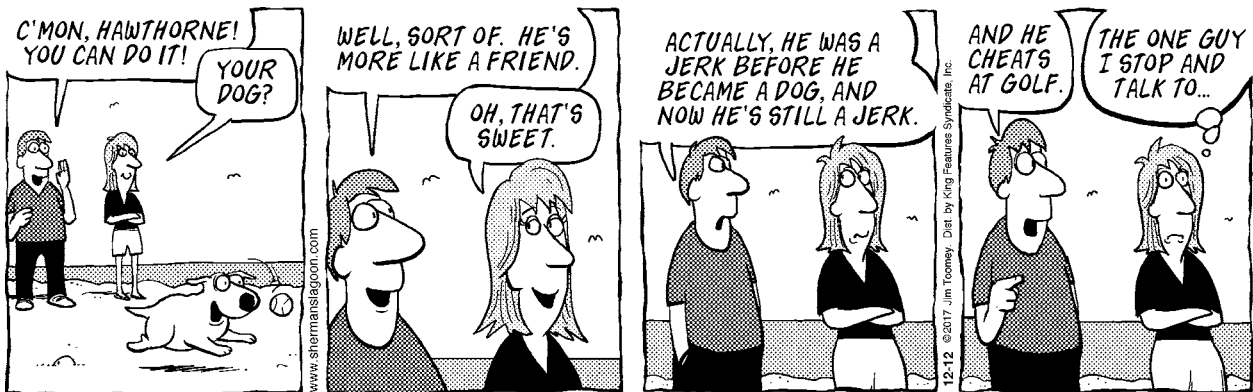
7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM Old Colony Varsity Volleyball vs Baypath
9:00 AM Old Colony Varsity Volleyball vs Blue Hills
10:30 AM Old Colony Varsity Volleyball vs Bristol Aggie
11:30 AM Bulldog Weekly Special
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM ORR Girls Varsity Soccer at Apponequet
2:00 PM Boys Varsity Soccer ORR vs Dighton-Rehoboth
3:30 PM ORR Varsity Volleyball vs Somerset-Berkley
5:00 PM ORR Feild Hockey vs Dighton-Rehoboth
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
7:00 PM ORR Boys Varsity Basketball vs GNBVT
8:00 PM Old Rochester Varsity Football vs Middleboro Final
9:30 PM Old Rochester Varsity Football vs Rockland
11:00 PM Old Rochester Varsity Football vs Dedham

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The Rochester Council on Aging is pleased to offer the following day trip on Thursday, **December 14** to visit The Enchanted Village & Polar Express at Jordan's Furniture, Avon, with lunch nearby and a visit to the Christmas Tree Shop. The van leaves at 8:30 am and returns at 4:30 pm. Please be sure to sign up in advance of the trip to ensure your seat on the van! Call 508-763-8723 for more information.

Opportunity to Give Back after the Holidays

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OBITUARIES

Revised obituary:

Raymond A. Lemieux's Funeral Mass will be held Friday, December 15th at 10:30 am at St. Anthony's Church, Mattapoisett. Burial will follow at 12:30 pm at the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Connerly Ave., Bourne, MA 02532. A reception will follow the burial from 2-5 pm at the Reservation Golf Club, 10 Reservation Rd., Mattapoisett, MA 02739. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Friends of the Mattapoisett Bicycle & Recreational Path, P.O. Box 1336, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 or online at <https://www.gofundme.com/Matt-Rail-Trail> or to the Fairhaven Council on Aging, 229 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven, MA 02719.



Joan Caroline (Henry) Walsh, at the age of 94, December 5, 2017 at her home in Mattapoisett, MA, surrounded by all her children: Devoted wife of the late Edward J. Walsh for 65 years, they met at Columbia University's US Navy Midshipman School and waited to marry until Lieutenant Walsh returned from combat duty as Executive Officer of USS Cockrell in the North Atlantic and South Pacific. Married at St. Barnabas Church in 1946, the couple moved to the Boston area where they raised their family of four sons and a daughter. Mother of Edward, Jr. and his wife Christine of Cocoa Beach, FL; M. Jane and her husband John McEvoy of Belmont; Philip and his wife Maureen Roberts of Sutton; John and his wife Maura of Southborough; and Thomas of Mattapoisett. Grandmother of 12: Edward III of Duxbury, Dr. Erin Leonard of New Jersey, Megan Walsh-Shaoul and Courtney Jagannath of New York, Matthew McEvoy of Sudbury, Michael McEvoy of Boston, Elizabeth McEvoy of Natick, Katherine Giles of Westford, Patrick of Sutton, Joseph, James and Matthew of Southborough. Great Grandmother of 16: Bridget, James, Jack, Declan, Molly, Ryan, Annie, Stella, Piper, Henry, Mayer, Luna, Goldie, Mila, Ellie and Eva. Sister of Ann Mahony and Judith Keegan of Connecticut and of the late Mary Elizabeth Kramer of New York. Born in New York City, the daughter of the late Harold J. and Katherine A. (Rooney) Henry, she was a graduate of The Academy of Mt. St. Ursula and The Berkeley Llewellyn School of Manhattan and worked for Time Magazine, editing for publication letters to the editor and worked at Young and Rubicam, the Madison Avenue advertising firm. After her marriage at the end of World War II, she dedicated herself to family, friends and community. A long time resident of Natick and Wellesley, where she was on the board of directors of the Wellesley Hills Garden Club, and was active in St. James The Great parish for the half century before it was closed by the Archdiocese, the Cub Scouts, PTA and was a volunteer at Newton Wellesley Hospital. She and her husband retired to a life of sailing from their Mattapoisett home, visiting ports across the South and Bahamas every winter and New

England in the summer. In lieu of flowers, please contribute to Sr. Barbara Walsh, SUSC, O.P.E.N. ESOL Program, 60 Liberty St., New Bedford, MA, 02740.

Visiting hours were held on Saturday, December 9th in Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett followed by her Funeral Mass at St. Anthony's Church, Mattapoisett. For guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Joseph H. Harrison, 95, of Mattapoisett died Wednesday December 6, 2017. He was the husband of Edna M. (Meehan) Harrison.

Born in Mattapoisett, the son of the late Edward and Frances (Oakes) Harrison, he lived in Mattapoisett all of his life.

Mr. Harrison for many years worked as a cement mixer driver and heavy equipment operator and was formerly employed by the Town of Mattapoisett Highway Department until his retirement. He later worked for the Mattapoisett Council on Aging as a bus driver.

During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy SeaBees.

He loved being outdoors doing yard work and gardening. Throughout the years he enjoyed the companionship of his dogs.

He is survived by his wife, Edna; his children, Jill Law and her husband Fred of Dartmouth and Edwin Comstock of Mattapoisett; nieces Betty Pickford of Clearwater, FL, Carol Zaslona of Fairhaven, Polly Ann Donnelly of Beverly and nephews Ronald Harrison and William Harrison, both of Brewster.

He was the brother of the late Gladys Haskell, Nancy Gross, James, Herbert, Beatrice and Thomas Harrison.

His Memorial Service will be held on Thursday December 14th at 10 am at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett. Burial with military honors will follow in the Massachusetts National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Humane Society and Shelter - South Coast, 31 Ventura Drive, Dartmouth, MA 02747. For directions and guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, by fax at 508-758-4845, or by email at office@wanderer.com.

On Friday, **December 29**, Jillian will be holding a Make A Difference Expo at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6 in Mattapoisett from 1:00 - 6:00 pm. Nonprofit organizations and volunteer groups in need of volunteers will be set up to share information on what their needs are and how individuals of all ages can get involved.

Boston Children's Hospital Blood Mobile will be set up in the parking lot for individuals interested and willing to help restock their critically low blood supply. To make an appointment to donate, log onto halfpints. childrenshospital.org and use sponsor code KNIGHTSM.

In addition to the exhibits, there will be entertainment and refreshments, as well as helping activities for children to do.

Jillian is asking each individual or family who attends to bring a NEW baby/children's hygiene product (toothbrush, toothpaste, baby wipes, baby body wash, etc.) to help restock empty shelves at Gifts to Give in Acushnet OR canned goods/nonperishables to restock local food banks after the holidays.

Jillian is a lifelong volunteer and the current Miss Massachusetts of the Miss America Organization whose platform is entitled "Choose A Cause, Make A Difference."

For more information or to request an application for your volunteer group, please contact JillianZucco@gmail.com.

Historic Trees of Rochester

There will be a workshop providing information and discussion about the historic trees of Rochester on Monday, **December 18** at 6:30 pm at Plumb Library hosted by Matthew Monteiro. All are welcome to attend.

Mattapoisett Recreation Winter Program

Mattapoisett Recreation Winter Program Registration is open. MATTREC is offering the following programs this winter. Please register on-line today at www.mattrec.net. If you have questions about any programs, please email mattrec@mattapoisett.net or call 508-758-4548.

KidFit for Grades K-3 will be on Tuesdays from 3:00 - 4:00 pm starting January 30 and running through March 8 in the Center School Gymnasium. Join Mr. C. for a new session of KidFit. Classes are designed to increase physical fitness and expend some energy all while having fun! Different games and sports will be played each week. Six-week session cost is \$80. Registration deadline is January 23.

Gymnastics & Tumbling for ages 5 & up will be on Fridays from 3:15 - 4:15 pm & 4:15 - 5:15 pm. Gymnastics or Tumbling. Program runs from January 5 - March 9 at Old Hammondtown Gymnasium. Our gymnastics and/or tumbling classes are perfect for beginner gymnasts as well as students with previous gymnastics experience. Qualified instructors will work

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MOVIE REVIEW

Whacked

By Rob Gonsalves
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I, Tonya. Starring Margot Robbie and Allison Janney. Directed by Craig Gillespie. Running time: 121 minutes. MPAA rating: R. In limited theatrical release.

A rarity for me: I went into *I, Tonya* without knowing who the director was. As the absurdist black-comedic biopic unfurled, I thought, “Whoever made this, he’s *really* trying to get his Scorsese on.” (I thought “he” because female directors rarely if ever try to get their Scorsese on — they’ve worked too hard to want to ape someone else.) The major tells were the frequent (and frequently ironic) needle-drops and the incessant trackings in and out — the camera almost never stops moving, except when it’s locked down in “interview segments” wherein Tonya Harding (Margot Robbie) or Jeff Gilllooly (Sebastian Stan) unburden themselves.

As it happens, the director is the nondescript Craig Gillespie (*Lars and the Real Girl*), who aside from his Scorsese gesticulations mostly stays out of the way of the star and co-producer, Margot Robbie. I would like to report that in the reviled Tonya, the media-beloved actress has found something feral, primordial, essential in herself, as De Niro did in Scorsese’s *Raging Bull*. I would like to, but that isn’t true. Robbie is snarly and entertaining, but except for the grinning-rictus-through-tears bit she does in a mirror — and this’ll turn up in her Oscar reel if she’s nominated — she doesn’t locate any humanity except fear, rage, need. And since Robbie is more conventionally attractive than the real Harding, the makeup she wears to render her skin mottled and white-trashy suggests that, in this context where Tonya’s stupid tragedy is played for black comedy, Robbie is condescending to working-class Harding even physically.

I, Tonya left me in a mildly desolate mood. It says that dreams are crap in a country that turns everything to crap. The movie (rather brilliantly, actually) ends with Siouxsie and the Banshees’ cover of “The Passenger,” and that’s what Tonya is. Pushed into skating as a toddler, forever connected to a ridiculous crime, she has no agency. The movie’s concerns don’t seem universal — they’re belittlingly specific. We’re just watching these particular dimbulbs — Tonya, her hapless husband Jeff (Sebastian Stan), his buffoonish friend Shawn (Paul Walter Hauser). The characters get progressively idiotic, until, by the time we get to Shane Stant, the man who actually kneecapped Nancy Kerrigan, he’s so brutally



inept we wonder how he manages to figure out his pants in the morning.

It’s difficult to stay engaged in a work that has so little regard for its subjects. Gillespie doesn’t display the freezing contempt of, say, an Alexander Payne, but it’s hard to know what he *does* feel about these people. The movie hedges its bets more than a little by casting a ringer, Allison Janney, as Tonya’s ghastly mother. Not only has Janney played this sort of role before (as the mother of a beauty-pageant contestant in *Drop Dead Gorgeous*, in which, despite the more farcical context, she may have done subtler and more compassionate work than she does here), she’s *still* playing it every week on *Mom*. Janney is America’s sweetheart in the division of endearingly screwed-up moms. When Tonya’s mother is abusive and hateful here, it just seems like Janney doing her usual shtick; the movie is deadpan-sarcastic about it — look at this moron woman throwing stuff at her moron daughter until finally she lobbs a knife at her — and Janney hasn’t been directed to make anything real out of it. Real would be sad, sobering, anathema to the sour good time the movie wants to give us.

Eventually Gillespie drifts away from imitating Scorsese and starts imitating Scorsese’s imitators. The last reel or so has the spun-out, dirge-like melancholia of the last act of *Boogie Nights*, where people wound up beaten up, in jail, dead, soulless. Here, everyone starts dropping around Tonya like brainless flies, whisked off to jail, and the camera lingers on Tonya in her devastation after she is sentenced to life without professional ice skating. Then we see a bit of Tonya’s career as a celebrity boxer spitting blood all over the ring. Ah, finally she’s found an arena that lets her release her rage. But then, stupidly, the movie cuts to footage of the real Tonya skating, and we see, through the context of the life we’ve just watched, the aggression and fury in Tonya’s movements, the fierce determination, the itchy underclass energy that the upper-class skating establishment was never going to be able to accept. Tonya quite elegantly and wordlessly speaks for herself in this footage, and leaves the callow jeering movie in her dust.



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Martial Arts is on Mondays from 3:00 - 4:00 pm and will run from January 22 - April 23 at the Center School Gymnasium. Join MATTREC & The Pound Martial Arts Center for a 12-week course. Learn amazing self-defense moves, discipline and leadership skills while finding a positive outlet for all that energy! The course will promote self-confidence and self-discipline. Two sessions will be run at the same time: Session #1 is for

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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Santa! Santa! Santa! – It was all about Santa on December 10 for the annual Marion Holiday Stroll, although at first the Grinch stole the show (but not Christmas) until Santa made his big arrival at Town Wharf to the chanting of his name, stealing back from the Grinch his rightful place as the center of attention. Photos by Jean Perry



(left) A huge thanks to Patrick Kiernan and Mattapoisett Boy Scout Troop 53 for their excellent construction of two Sunfish racks for the Angelica Yacht Club's junior sailing program. Troop Leader Dennis McLaughlin and several other troop parents oversaw the installation, which was Patrick's Eagle Scout project. The Sunfish racks will hold a total of four Sunfish and their gear. Photo courtesy Bob Warren, Angelica Yacht Club, Point Connett, Mattapoisett

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

Kindergarteners and Session #2 is for ages 6-9 years. Each participant will be given a uniform and a belt. Twelve-week session cost is \$155. Registration deadline is January 17.

Fencing is on Mondays; ages 7-11 are from 5:30 - 6:30 pm and ages 10-14 are from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Program runs February 5 - March 19 at the Center School Gymnasium. Blackstone Valley Fencing Academy will teach your child the basic techniques and language of fencing. Their goal is to promote self-confidence and self-reliance as a fencer and an individual. All equipment is provided. This six-week session costs \$125 and the registration deadline is January 29.

Center Stage Kids for ages 5-12 years is on Wednesdays from 3:00 - 4:00 pm and runs from January 10 - March 21 in the Center School Gymnasium. MATTREC is excited to partner again with Tracy Gendreau Fiore for this theatre program. Children will learn various aspects of the performing arts and will participate in a theatrical production on the last day of the eight-week session. Perfect for children who need to gain confidence speaking in front of others or for the family performer! Program cost is \$105 and registration deadline is January 4.

Crafting for Grades K-3 is on Thursdays from 2:45 - 4:00 pm and runs from January 11 - March 15 in the Center School Cafeteria. Each week there will be a different theme and materials provided to let your child's imagination run wild! Maria Lynch will be running



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ORR students partnered with the Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester Police on December 8, collecting toys donated to Toys for Tots during the annual Stuff a Cruiser event. (left photo School Resource Officer McGraw (Mattapoisett) and Rochester School Resource Officer Sgt. Small, (right photo) Claire Noble-Shriver, Kaitlin Kelley, Emily Bock, Hannah Powers Photos by Erin Bednarczyk



It looked like another record turnout at Shipyard Park in Mattapoisett on December 9 for the annual Holiday in the Park and tree lighting. The tent was stuffed with hot foods, cocoa, donuts, Christmas cookies, and the hundreds of people in line to warm up out of the snowy cold. Did you miss the tree lighting? See The Wanderer Facebook page for a video capturing the magical moment. Photos by Jean Perry



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this eight-week session. The cost is \$85 and registration deadline is January 4. Space is limited, register today!

Gateway Youth Hockey

The Gateway Gladiators Mite C team faced off against a tough YD Dolphins team on Saturday. They made a valiant effort, but fell a little short, losing 12-10. The Gladiators managed to get the offense going, with multiple players scoring. **Kaden Silva** led the way with four goals, **Tomas doCanto** had three, **Desmond Murphy** had two, and **Jake Lovendale** and **Caden Kosboski** each had one. Also, adding assists on the day were **Nolan Almeida** and **doCanto**, with one each. **RJ Murphy** played goalie for the first time and did great, making 22 saves on the day.

The Gladiators Mite C team faced off against the Southcoast Panthers, but just didn't have enough in the tank to win. They skated short handed, gave it everything they had, but still suffered the defeat. The game was a stalemate early on, with both teams struggling to find the net. The Panthers took a staggering 68 shots, with the Gladiators goaltender, **Kaden Silva**, saving a lot of them. Offensively, on the day, **Tomas doCanto** had a goal and an assist, while **Caden Kosboski** and **William Manning** each added a goal. The Gladiators continue to look for their stride and are competing in every game.

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Purple Team: Isabel Friedrichs & Robert Salit
Special Areas: Ethan McElroy & Lucas McElroy

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MARION

Log highlights Dec 3-Dec 9

- Mill St – Health/welfare
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious MV
- County Rd – EMS/medical
- Dexter Rd – EMS/medical
- Route 195 West – MV collision
- County Rd – MV collision
- Delano Rd – Escort
- Washburn Park Rd – Civil complaint
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Spring St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- County Rd – EMS/medical
- Briggs Lane Ct – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious activity
- Derby Ln – Officer wanted
- Benson Brook Rd – Officer wanted
- Front St – MV collision
- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Pleasant St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – General offense
- Hastings Rd – Health/welfare
- County Rd – MV collision
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Derby Ln – Officer wanted
- Wianno Rd – Health/welfare
- Doran Way – EMS/medical
- County Rd – Larceny/past
- Wareham Rd – Disturbance/family
- Front St – Parking enforcement

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Dec 3-Dec 9

- Fieldstone Dr – Health/welfare
- County Rd – Unattended death
- North St – Health/welfare
- North St – Suspicious MV
- Alderberry Ln – Unwanted person
- Pocohontas Way – Restraining order
- Water St – Health/welfare
- Crystal Spring Rd – Stolen property
- Church St – Animal control
- North St – MV crash
- Fieldstone Dr – Restraining order
- Island View Ave – Complaint
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd – 911 abandoned
- Acushnet Rd – Medical/assist
- Oliver's Ln – Stolen property
- North St – Health/welfare
- Lebaron Way – Health/welfare
- Alderberry Ln – health/welfare
- Brandt Island Rd – MV crash
- I195 West – Assist other agency
- Parker St – 911 call
- Alderberry Ln – Follow up
- Depot St – Disturbance
- Harbor HB Rd – General service
- Fairhaven Rd – Arrest
- County Rd – Suspicious persons
- Marion Rd – Suspicious persons
- Water St – Noise complaint
- County Rd – MV lockout

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Dec 3-Dec 9

- Marion Rd – Assist other agency
- Quaker Ln – Complaint
- Benjamin Dr – Ambulance request
- Mattapoisett Rd – Suspicious person
- Rounseville Rd – Threats
- Sparrow Ln – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Dexter Ln – Officer wanted
- Mayflower Ln – Ambulance request
- Benjamin Dr – Ambulance request
- Rounseville Rd – Officer wanted
- Dexter Ln – Ambulance request
- Burgess Ave – Officer wanted
- Gerrish Rd – Officer wanted
- High St – Officer wanted
- Mattapoisett Rd – Officer wanted
- North Ave – Officer wanted
- Snipatuit Rd – Ambulance request
- Clapp Rd – Ambulance request
- Neck Rd – B&E/MV
- Burgess Ave – Vandalism
- North Ave – Assist other agency
- Ryder Rd – Assist other agency
- Mattapoisett Rd – Health/welfare
- Douglas Corner Rd – Complaint
- Snipatuit Rd – Restraining order
- Dexter Ln – Officer wanted
- Bowens Ln – MV accident
- Snipatuit Rd – Ambulance request
- North Ave – MV accident

For a full PDF of the three town's police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, Dec 18: Sausage w/peppers & onions, pasta alfredo, mini sub roll, pears

Tuesday, Dec 19: Unsalted saltines, potato leek soup, honey lime chicken, oriental blend, whole wheat roll, apple

Wednesday, Dec 20: Sweet & sour meatballs, brown/white rice, jardiniere blend, oatmeal roll, mixed fruit cup

Thursday, Dec 21: French meat pie, gravy, cheesy mashed potatoes, winter blend veg, multigrain bread, holiday dessert, diet: low sugar cake

Friday, Dec 22: Salmon w/cream sauce, red bliss potatoes, peas & mushrooms, scali bread, fresh orange

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Dec 18: Popcorn chicken bowl, mashed potato, corn, gravy, dinner roll

Tuesday, Dec 19: American chop suey, 3 bean salad, side salad, cheesy bread stick, celery & carrot sticks

Wednesday, Dec 20: Pancakes, sausage, hash browns, cheese cubes,

strawberry cups & whipped topping

Thursday, Dec 21: open face turkey sandwich w/gravy, stuffing, steamed spinach, cucumber coins, fresh baked cookie

Friday, Dec 22: Assorted pizza, fresh tossed salad w/dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Dec 18: Cherry blossom chicken, steamed rice, brainy broccoli, fortune cookie, celery & carrot sticks

Tuesday, Dec 19: Taco Tuesday, cheese, lettuce, tomato, salsa, sour cream, Spanish rice

Wednesday, Dec 20: French toast, bacon, string cheese, hash brown, orange smiles

Thursday, Dec 21: Hot open face turkey sandwich w/gravy, stuffing, corn, cranberry sauce, pudding

Friday, Dec 22: Assorted pizza, fresh tossed salad w/dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Dec 18: Baked ravioli, tossed side salad, Italian green beans, bread stick

Tuesday, Dec 19: Homemade chili w/cheese, tortilla chips, steamed corn, cucumber coins

Wednesday, Dec 20: Scrambled eggs & bacon, cheese filled bread stick, hash brown, mixed fruit cups

Thursday, Dec 21: Chicken fajita, fiesta rice, black bean & corn salsa, cucumber coins

Friday, Dec 22: 1/2 day – no lunch

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Dec 18: Popcorn chicken bowl, mashed potato, corn, gravy, cheese, dinner roll

Tuesday, Dec 19: Spaghetti w/meatballs, breadstick, garden salad, green beans

Wednesday, Dec 20: French toast, peach cups, sausage, sweet potato puffs, string cheese

Thursday, Dec 21: Build a burger: cheese, lettuce, tomato, brainy broccoli, baked beans, carrot & celery sticks

Friday, Dec 22: Assorted pizza, fresh tossed salad w/dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Dec 18: Crispy chicken

sandwich, lettuce & tomato, pickle, smiley fries, peas & carrots

Tuesday, Dec 19: Grilled cheese sandwich w/homemade soup, oyster crackers, carrot & celery sticks

Wednesday, Dec 20: Spaghetti w/meatballs, breadstick, garden salad, green beans

Thursday, Dec 21: Tangerine chicken, fried rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie, jell-o

Friday, Dec 22: Assorted pizza, fresh tossed salad w/dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Dec 18: Turkey & gravy over mashed potatoes w/stuffing and steamed carrots

Tuesday, Dec 19: Asian chicken bowl & bread stick

Wednesday, Dec 20: American chop suey, green beans & garlic bread

Thursday, Dec 21: Steak & cheese sub, peppers & onions & fries

Friday, Dec 22: Assorted stuffed crust pizza & Caesar salad

for those experiencing loss of any kind or anyone who is finding it hard to feel joy this Christmas – readings, music, silence, candle lighting. On Sunday, **December 24**, we will have a Family Friendly Christmas Eve Service at 10:00 am and a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 pm.

Cat Fanciers' Federation Cat Show

Cat Fanciers' Federation is proud to present its annual holiday Allbreed Cat Show from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday, **December 16-17**, at the Seaport Inn & Marina, 110 Middle Street, Fairhaven, MA. This event will feature judging of mixed-breed household pets along with purebred cats including the Abyssinian, Ragdoll, Persian, Maine Coon, Scottish Fold, Exotic Shorthair, and more. Spectators can also vote for their favorite cat.

Several animal rescue groups with adoptable cats will be there for adoption as well as to raise money to support their organizations as without help there would be no rescues to help our feline friends. Take a chance on our raffle tables and buy some locally made crafts and items from vendors in the New England area for yourself or for your feline friend. Meet Robin A.F. Olson, award-winning author of the blog "Covered in Cat Hair" (www.coveredincathair.com) and founder of Kitten Associates cat rescue in Connecticut. Robin will also be a guest judge for our household pet class. Admission is \$5 for adults; \$3 for kids, seniors, veterans; free for kids under 6.

The Cat Fanciers' Federation is a 501(c)(7) not-for-profit organization and is one of the oldest feline registries in the United States. For more information on this show, see tinyurl.com/cffcatshows.

Join the Friends of the Mattapoissett COA

Everyone is invited to join the Friends of the Mattapoissett Council on Aging, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. The FMCoA serves as the fundraising arm of the Council on Aging. You can become a "Friend" and help out through your annual membership.

Pick up the FMCoA membership application at the Senior Center or go online to download a form: www.mattapoissett.net/sites/mattapoissettma/files/



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20 Predicted
21 Daisy types
22 Relatives of 21-Across
23 Pounding one's shawl?
25 Like sacred statues
26 Step up or down
27 Instant, for short
28 Santa — College
29 In history
30 Book parts
34 What aviator Orville or Wilbur was called?
37 Found on these pages
38 Kitty treater
39 Fill up fully
40 Celtics rival
41 "What the Butler Saw" dramatist Joe
42 Does penance
45 Sprinter Bolt
47 Small songbird with a cartoon cat?

50 60-min. units
51 "Rockaria!" band, in brief
54 Singer Clay
55 San — (Italian resort)
57 Poet W.H. —
59 Fusion
64 Old laundry machine
67 People debating
70 Bistro, e.g.
71 "Goodbye, Columbus" author when he's very angry?
73 Throw from a steed
74 Tea garnish
75 Apple debut of 1998
76 Mini-serving
79 Prior to
80 Flan need
82 Damage done to a periodical?
89 Pub buys
91 Find a new place for, as a pet
92 Islamic equivalent of kosher

93 Trial attire
96 Siestas
98 "Mazel —!"
99 Hereditary sequence
100 Declaration upon pulling your valise forcefully?
103 Many a handcuffed person
105 — Jo ('80s track star)
106 That guy's St. trader
108 Paradigm
109 Hereditary
111 Actress Fay who was always cheerful?
117 Get free of
118 Silky goat or rabbit
119 Helm handler
120 Beaches
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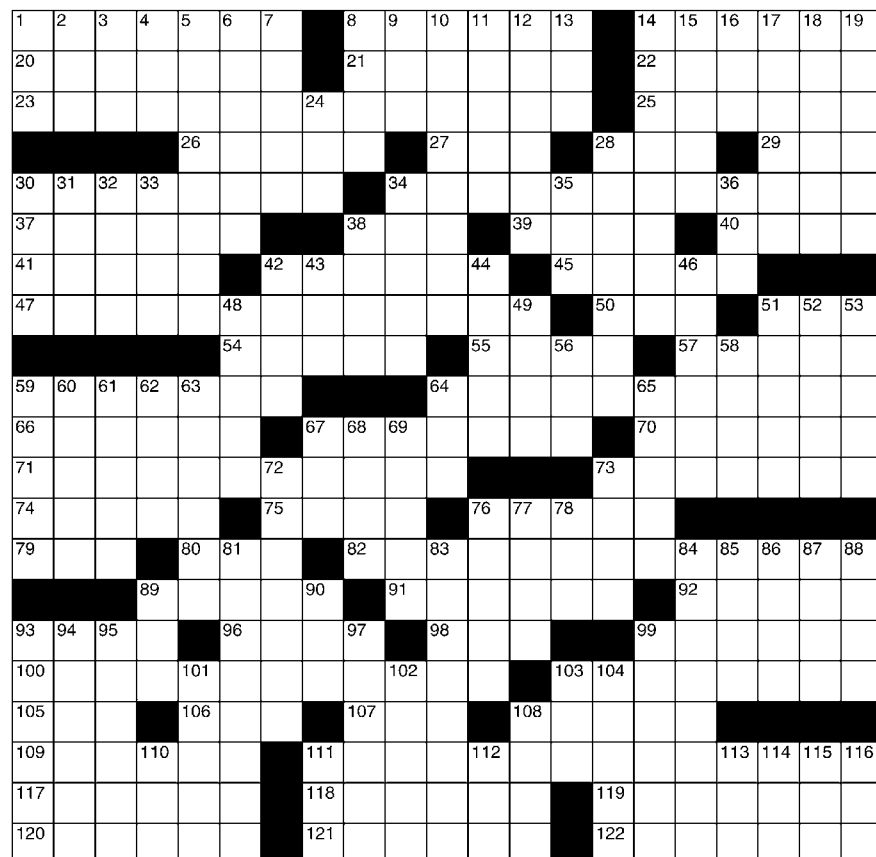
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3 — Khan
4 Impose
5 Capital of Kosovo

6 Like the pre-Easter period
7 — Allan Poe
8 Comic Jay
9 Bunyan's tool
10 Story for an anchor
11 Radials for a Rolls, say
12 Fails to stay poker-faced
13 Viper variety
14 Slickers and galoshes
15 Wilde with wit
16 Bison-hunting tribe
17 Household
18 Intelligent
19 Fancy ties
24 "— the season!"
28 Gallery gala
30 Grub
31 Berlin man
32 Funnyman Johnson
33 Hireling
34 "... three — a tub"
35 Ocean liquid
36 Hotel relative
38 Cast a ballot
42 Take — view of
43 "Bad!" sound
44 Shopping jag

46 Old Testament book
48 Racial equality gp.
49 Part of YTD
51 Lawn gadget
52 Dirty looks
53 Ham — (deli classic)
56 Rx signers
58 Golden rule's second word
59 Plenteous
60 Bill of "Real Time"
61 Japanese film genre
62 Stitch's cartoon pal
63 Dive variety
64 "Yeah, no kidding!"
65 Taylor of "The Nanny"
67 Chair part
68 Traipse
69 Sporty auto
72 Teepees' kin
73 — Reader (alternative digest)
76 Sierra Nevada lake
77 Sea of — (waters off Ukraine)
78 Gaming "City" dweller
81 Non-Jews

83 Somehow manages with
84 Pair attached to an axle
85 Also- — (losers)
86 Scores
87 Arose (from)
88 Painter Paul
89 Nectar lover
90 CIA worker
93 Searches and robs
94 Wise-looking
95 Bucking one
97 Card game expert John
99 Bestows
101 Triangle, e.g.
102 Fly into — (get furious)
103 Madison Ave. output
104 Find a new purpose for
108 "— first you don't succeed..."
110 Corn spike
111 Once existed
112 — pro nobis
113 That gal's
114 Levin or Glass
115 TV neighbor of Homer
116 Time of note



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Start preparing now to make sure you get the credit you're due for all that effort you put in to get that project off the ground. A new challenge emerges after the 15th.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're still charging full steam ahead on the job -- and that's fine. But take time to share the joy of preparing for the upcoming holidays with folks you love.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A former detractor resists joining your ranks just yet. Give him or her time to learn more about what you're doing. Meanwhile, devote more time to friends and family.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be careful not to be goaded into a tiff by someone who might be looking for a fight. Remain cool as you make your exit. Be assured that others will rally to your support.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Kudos on getting the well-deserved Lion's share of the rewards for a job well-done. Now you can take a breather from your workaday duties and spend time with your family.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You enjoy a quick spurt of renewed energy just in time to meet that upcoming deadline. A potentially romantic situation looms. How it develops will be up to you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Watch out for distractions that could cause delays and leave you running twice as fast to finish your work by the 15th. Then go ahead and have fun.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might prefer to work on current tasks on your own. But be open to a potentially useful suggestion from someone who admires you and wants to help.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Avoid rushing full gallop into that volunteer project without knowing what's expected of you. Take things a step at a time as you begin to find your way.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Good news: You should begin to feel more comfortable expressing your emotions. This will go a long way in helping you with that personal situation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An old friend gives confusing signals. Best advice: Don't assume that things will necessarily work themselves out. Ask questions and demand straight answers.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A new relationship needs time to develop. Be careful not to let your emotions flood your natural sense of caution. Meanwhile, check out that new job offer.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your sense of right and wrong sometimes causes you to come into conflict with others. But you invariably come out ahead.

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Your membership will be valid through the end of 2018 and allows you to vote at the January Annual Meeting. For more information, contact Bob Kelley at 508-758-6311 or email r.kelley@ieee.org.

FMCoA Annual Holiday Party

Once again, the Friends of the Mattapoisett Council on Aging (FMCoA) hosts its Annual Holiday Party on Thursday, **December 14** from 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm or so. The party takes place at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett.

This is an opportunity for seniors to meet and make new friends while getting into the holiday spirit. Holiday music and songs are again provided by Rick LeBlanc and Billy Couto.

The FMCoA invites the Mattapoisett seniors and FMCoA members to sign up at the Mattapoisett Senior Center as soon as possible to join in the fun. Need a ride? The Mattapoisett CoA can provide transportation for Mattapoisett seniors. RSVP today to both sign up and book a ride: 508-758-4110 – Mattapoisett Senior Center.

Public Skating at Tabor Academy

Marion Recreation's popular public skating runs Sundays from 12:00 to 2:00 pm through February 25, 2018 at the Travis Roy Rink at Tabor Academy. This is an opportunity for you to skate the ice in an open skate format in a beautiful venue. Cost is \$5 per person. Hats, gloves, and ice skates are required to skate. For details, visit www.marionrecreation.com, call Marion Recreation Department at 774-217-8355, or email info@marionrecreation.com.

Great Decisions Program

Great Decisions is a Foreign Policy Association program that promotes dialogue and offers current U.S. Foreign Policy and global issues for discussion with shared informed opinions that challenge communities in America today. Our group has been meeting for over 38 years and is sponsored by the Mattapoisett Woman's Club with support by Susan Pizzolato, Director of the Library, and her staff of the Mattapoisett Public Library.

Each member will come away with new and exciting ideas about international relations. This year's topics include:

1. The Waning of Pax Americana?
2. Russia's Foreign Policy
3. China & America: The New Geopolitical Equations
4. Media & Foreign Policy
5. Turkey: A Partner in Crisis
6. U.S. Global Engagement and the Military
7. South Africa's Fragile Democracy
8. Global Health Progress & Challenges

The discussion program begins on Wednesday, **January 17**, and continues for eight consecutive weeks



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until March 7, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. The group meets at the Mattapoisett Library, 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett, in the community meeting room, which is accessible at the side entrance where there is an elevator.

The price for a single person is \$35; if two people are sharing one text, the price is \$45. This fee includes the cost of the textbook, one two-part classroom DVD, materials, money for refreshments, and a donation to the library.

The deadline for registration is December 29. The class is limited to 25 people and operates on a first-come, first-serve basis. The textbooks will be available on or around January 10, 2018 for distribution at the library. Times will be posted.

Along with your name, address and telephone number, please send check payable to Mattapoisett Woman's Club and indicate Great Decisions, P.O. Box 1444, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

Learn to Play Basketball Program

In this class, instructors will focus on fundamentals of the game of basketball and basics of dribbling, passing, shooting, defense, and of course teamwork. Participants will also have the opportunity to play smaller games with adaptive nets. The program runs Saturdays, beginning January 6 and running through February 10, and is designed for beginner players or players in grades K-Grade 2. Classes take place at



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Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School District Public Announcement

National School Lunch & Breakfast Program

Old Colony R.V.T.H.S. District announced its policy for free and reduced price lunch and breakfast for those students unable to pay the full price for meals and snacks under the National School Lunch & Breakfast Program. The following household size and income criteria will be used to determine eligibility:

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

(Effective July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018)

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	Free Meals (130%)					Reduced Meals (185%)				
	YEAR	MONTH	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	WEEK	YEAR	MONTH	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	WEEK
1	\$15,678	\$1,307	\$654	\$603	\$302	\$22,311	\$1,860	\$930	\$859	\$430
2	21,112	1,760	880	812	406	30,044	2,504	1,252	1,156	578
3	26,546	2,213	1,107	1,021	511	37,777	3,149	1,575	1,453	727
4	31,980	2,665	1,333	1,230	615	45,510	3,793	1,897	1,751	876
5	37,414	3,118	1,559	1,439	720	53,243	4,437	2,219	2,048	1,024
6	42,848	3,571	1,786	1,648	824	60,976	5,082	2,541	2,346	1,173
7	48,282	4,024	2,012	1,857	929	68,709	5,726	2,863	2,643	1,322
8	53,716	4,477	2,239	2,066	1,033	76,442	6,371	3,186	2,941	1,471
Each additional family	+5,434	+453	+227	+209	+105	+7,733	+645	+323	+298	+149

Children from households that meet federal guidelines [above] are eligible for free or reduced price meal services. Complete one application per household for all children that attend the same school district. If you receive a letter that states your child(ren) are eligible for free meals via the direct certification process, you do NOT need to complete an application to receive free meal benefits. If you need to complete an application, please visit the District's website at <http://www.oldcolony.us/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/School-Lunch-Application-Packet.pdf>. Households must answer all applicable questions. Incomplete applications cannot be processed. Households may apply for benefits at any time during the school year. Homeless, migrant, runaway youth and foster care children are categorically eligible for free meals. Households that do not agree with the determination may request a fair hearing.

All meals served must meet the meal requirements as defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. If a child has been determined by a doctor to have a disability and the disability would prevent the child from eating the regular school meal (or alternate), Old Colony staff, in conjunction with doctor recommendations, will make substitutions at no extra charge. If your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please contact the school for further information.

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To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
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Mattapoisett COA Happenings

Everyone is welcome to participate in activities and services at the Mattapoisett Council on Aging, 17 Barstow Street. Most activities are "drop in." The COA newsletter, with special event listings, is available online at www.mattapoisett.net/council-aging. For any questions and/or to register for trips and special events, call 508-758-4110 or email to: coadirector@mattapoisett.net.

Mondays: 8:45 am - Tai Chi (free); 10:00 am - Knitting (free); 10:00 am - QiGong (free); 12:00 pm - Strength & Balance; 1:00 pm - Scrabble; Footcare (\$22, by appointment)

Tuesdays: 8:30 am - Yoga (free, at Congregational Church Hall); 12:00 pm - Movie & Pizza (last Tuesday of month); 12:30 pm - Art History (every other month, call for details); 1:00 pm - Water Color Painting; 4:00 pm - Chess Club lessons (beginners welcome); Legal Services (15 minutes free, by appointment)

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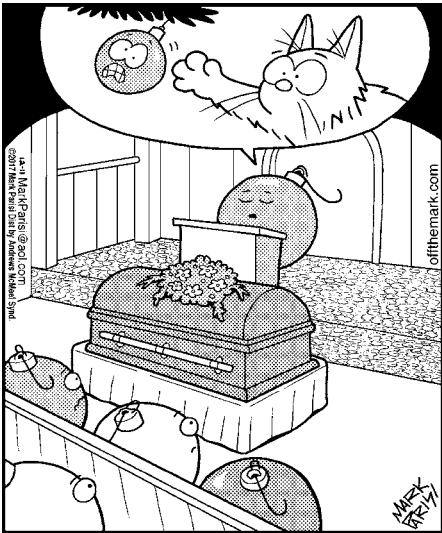
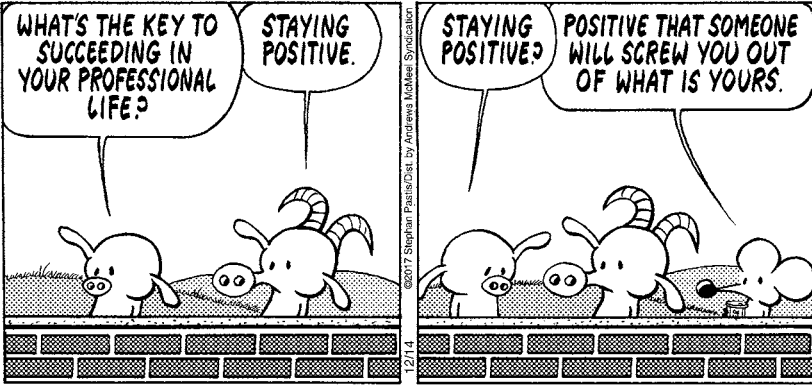

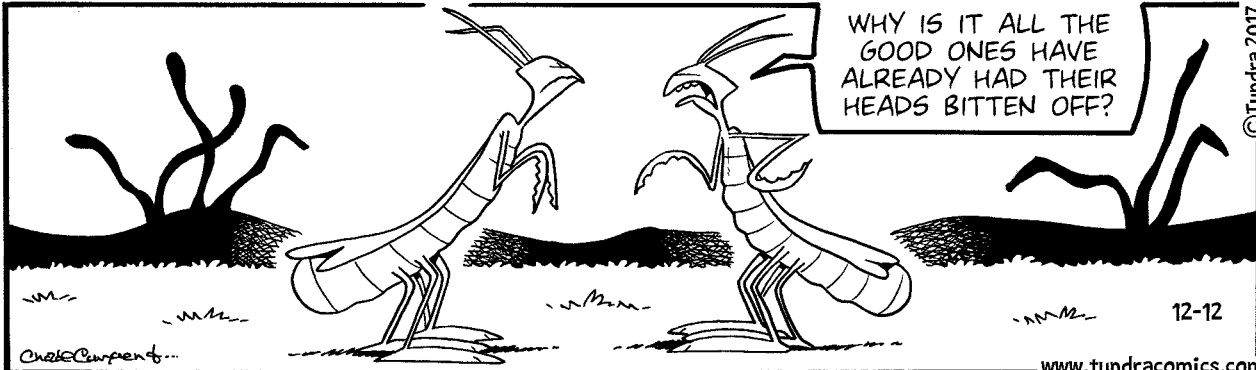


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<div>LEGAL NOTICES</div> <div>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on the following applications: Application of: MZIKI/DBA 7-11, 51 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. RE: 51 County Road. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit to Franchise 7-11 to MZIKI under an Amendment to BOA Case #1034, as provided by Section 7.2.2 of the Zoning By-Laws. The property is further described as Plot 16, Lot 153 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 6:00 pm. Case #1400 Application of: NEW ENGLAND TELVERIZON, P.O. Box 2749, Addison, TX 75001. RE: 34 Mechanic Street. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under 3.1.2.1, 3.1.2.2 and 3.1.2.3 of By-Law and as provided by Section 7.2.2 of the Zoning By-Laws to request a permit to upgrade its HVAC system with a rooftop system. The property is further described as Plot 9, Lot 36 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 6:15 pm. Case #1401 Application of: DOS AMIGOS, LLC, 12 Fellowship Circle, West Wareham, MA 02576. RE: Plot 14B, Lot 53 & 59 Dupont Drive. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under 6.2.2 of By-Law and as provided by Section 7.2.2 of the Zoning by-Laws to request permission to build a single-family home with a garage under. The property is further described as Plot 14B, Lot 53 & 59 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday,</div>	<div>LEGAL NOTICES</div> <div>December 21, 2017 at 6:30 pm. Case #1402 Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours. Sincerely, Susan Akin, Chairperson Mary Anne Brogan, Eugene DesLandes, Norman Lyonnais, Kenneth Pacheco 12/7, 12/14 TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Rochester Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Special Permit for a Back Lot filed by MADELEINE M. MONTEIRO, 31 Royal Way, South Dartmouth, MA 02748, for property located at 0 Walnut Plain Road, Assessors' Map 24, Lots 2 & 4 and depicted on a plan entitled "Plan of Land at South Street in Rochester, Massachusetts" dated October 17, 2017, prepared for Theodore L. Monteiro, Jr. & Madeleine M. Monteiro, Trustees of the Monteiro Family Trust, prepared by Outback Engineering Incorporated, 165 East Grove Street, Middleborough, MA 02346. The property owners of record are Theodore L. Monteiro, Jr. and Madeleine M. Monteiro, 31 Royal Way, South Dartmouth, MA 02748. The Plan and Application are on file at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, Rochester, MA and may be reviewed during the hours of 8:30 am till 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Arnold Johnson, Chairman 12/7, 12/14</div>	<div>off the mark by Mark Paris</div> 
<div>PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis</div> 		
<div>Tundra by Chad Carpenter</div> 		

Wednesdays: 9:15 am - Patriot Place & Trader Joe's (every 2nd Wednesday of the month); 9:30 am - Dance Fit (free); 10:45 am - Meditation (donation); 12:00 pm - Strength & Balance (free); 1:00 pm - Bingo (\$1 per card); 1:15 pm - Mah Jong (free)

Thursdays: 9:30 am - Pottery/Hand Clay (every other Thursday, call to register, \$10 includes material & finished product); various trips (call the COA for details)

Fridays: 8:15 am - Yo-lates (Yoga + Pilates, free); 9:30 am - Market Basket van (every first Friday); 9:30 am - Shaw's Wareham (every 3rd Friday); 10:00 am - QiGong Prescription (\$10); 11:15 am - Chair Yoga (\$4); 1:00 pm - Line Dancing (free/donations accepted).

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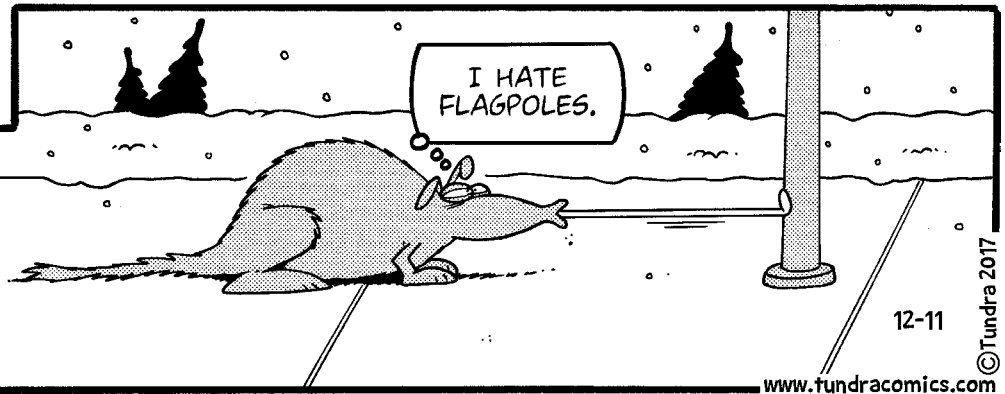
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School Vacation Week Events at the Library:

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- On Thursday, **December 28** at 1:00 pm, come to a craft workshop to make your own Super Slime Stress Ball to take home with you – free – all materials provided. Children under 8 need an adult helper; please register at the library.
- On Friday, **December 29** at 2:00 pm, join us for a meet & greet with your favorite princesses! Cinderella, Rapunzel & Princess Beauty will be here to share their stories, sing some songs and take pictures with you. Come visit with them and make a special princess craft – free – please register at the library.

Pizza with Santa

The Marion Police Brotherhood will be hosting Pizza with Santa on Sunday, **December 17** from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Marion Community Center, 465 Mill Street (Route 6).

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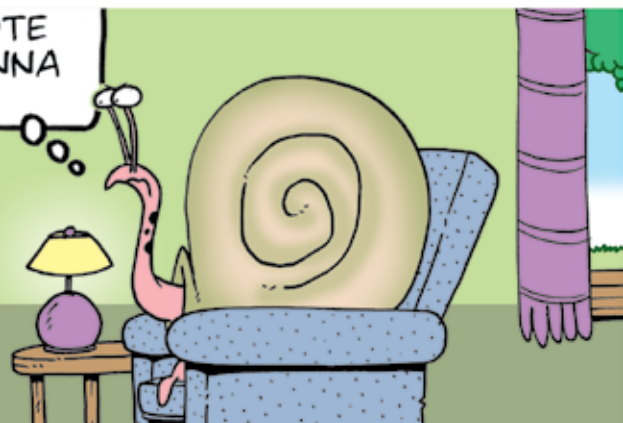
Don't forget to wish these people a Happy Birthday!

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Please register at the Marion Police Department, 550 Mill Street, Marion or email adicarlo@marionma.gov or acrosby@marionma.gov by December 13.

Annual Senior Citizens Holiday Dinner

The Marion Police Brotherhood Annual Senior Citizens Holiday Dinner will be held at the Marion Community Center on Saturday, **December 16**. Doors open at 11:30 am; dinner served at 12:00 noon. Open to Marion residents. Residents may bring one guest, and admission is free. Must RSVP by December 13. To RSVP, contact the Marion Council On Aging, 465 Mill Street. Call 508-748-3570 with questions or to RSVP.

Open Table

You are invited for supper on Friday, **December 15** at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Guest chefs, Ken & Liz Ackerman of the Oxford Creamery, are preparing the entrée, which will undoubtedly be delicious and we hope you can join us. There is no charge, although donations are gratefully accepted. Doors open at 4:30 pm and the meal will be served at 5:00 pm. This is a community event and everyone from the Tri-Town area is welcome.

Elizabeth Taber Library

Annual Holiday Ornament Sale: The Elizabeth Taber Library is now selling their annual holiday ornament, a beautiful starfish, for only \$25! Buy yours today. They will make the perfect holiday gift for friends and family. All proceeds directly benefit the library in order to enhance our programs and services. Previous years' ornaments – a sailboat and a conch shell – are also on sale for \$20 while supplies last. Ornaments are made by McDermott Glass Studio in Sandwich.

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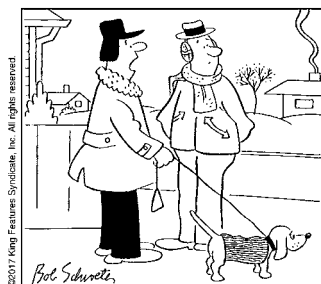
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Christmas Carol Sing-Along at St. Gabriel's

The Eastern Ocean Brass Ensemble will present a Christmas Carol Sing-Along at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church in Marion, MA on Friday, **December 15**, at 7:00 pm. The quintet, led by Bob Katcher, trumpet, is comprised of two trumpets, trombone, French horn and tuba, and will present familiar carols of the season for all to sing along! The event is open to all, with a free-will donation joyfully accepted! Ring in the holidays with an outstanding brass ensemble, sing many of your favorite carols, and bring friends and family to create a new musical tradition! St. Gabriel's Church is located at 124 Front Street in Marion.

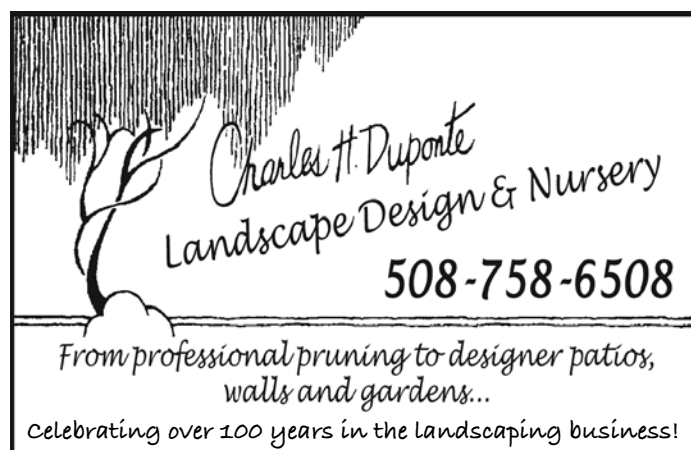
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Marion Cultural Council Members Needed

Are you interested in supporting local cultural events in Marion? Have you considered serving on a board and helping to determine how to disperse funds for cultural events? The Marion Cultural Council is looking for two volunteers interested in serving as voting members who can help share ideas and knowledge when making determinations on how funding for the cultural council is dispensed.

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Doors open at 6:30 pm so you can savor complimentary hearty appetizers while listening to the Occasion Singers deliver their distinct brand of music. At 7:00 pm the concert begins, and all will be treated to a full array of holiday songs. The concert runs until 9:00 pm, with a brief intermission.

Advance tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at The Bookstall or at the church office (144 Front Street). Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$22. You may reserve cabaret seating by calling the church office at 508-748-1053.

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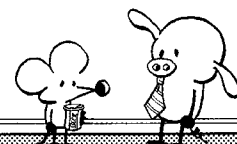
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D) Cry and eat ice cream.



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SHERMAN'S LAGOON
by J.P. Toomey

THE COMPETITION'S ABOUT TO START. BETTER DRINK SOMETHING FIRST.



YOU EXPECT ME TO DRINK OUT OF A DOG BOWL?



YOU WANTED TO BECOME A DOG. ACT LIKE ONE.

BUT IT'S FULL OF SLOBBERY WATER!



FINE. I'LL FIND SOME CLEAN WATER.

CAN YOU POP OVER TO STARBUCKS AND GET ME A MOCHA LATTE?



PEOPLE ARE WATCHING.

and safety of students with disabilities; meet regularly with school officials to participate in the planning, development, and evaluation of special education programs; receive assistance from the school committee without charge, upon reasonable notice, and subject to the availability of staff and resources.

Marion Music Hall

As part of the on-going effort to upgrade the Marion Music Hall, the Board of Selectmen has unanimously approved new Guidelines and Rental Fees. With the Council on Aging having now moved to the renovated Veteran's Hall on Route 6, there are increased rental opportunities at the Hall as well.

This historic masterpiece was the gift of Elizabeth Sprague Pitcher Taber whose vision was that Marion and surrounding communities have a hall for lectures, concerts, and performances. It was constructed in 1891 for \$23,000. Through the years, it has been a favored venue for town committee meetings and parties, for concerts and musicals, and for private events including weddings and parties. Mrs. Taber also had the vision to build the Town Library and Natural History Museum, the Stone Chapel at the Congregational Church, and Tabor Academy, originally founded to educate girls and boys of Marion.

The Music Hall is available free of charge to all Town of Marion committees and organizations such as the Elizabeth Taber Library, the Council on Aging, and the Police and Fire Departments. In honoring Elizabeth Taber's wishes, it remains accessible to all Marion citizens according to the new fee schedule, which helps defray the costs to taxpayers while covering maintenance and utility expenses. While the rate structure has changed, the rates remain among the most competitive in Marion and surrounding towns. Local couples will be hard pressed to find such a great wedding venue on a weekend for as low as \$600. (Bookings made before September 1, 2017 will honor the original rental fees.)

For inquiries and further information, please contact Tami Daniel, Music Hall Coordinator, at tdaniel@marionma.gov or 508-748-9556.

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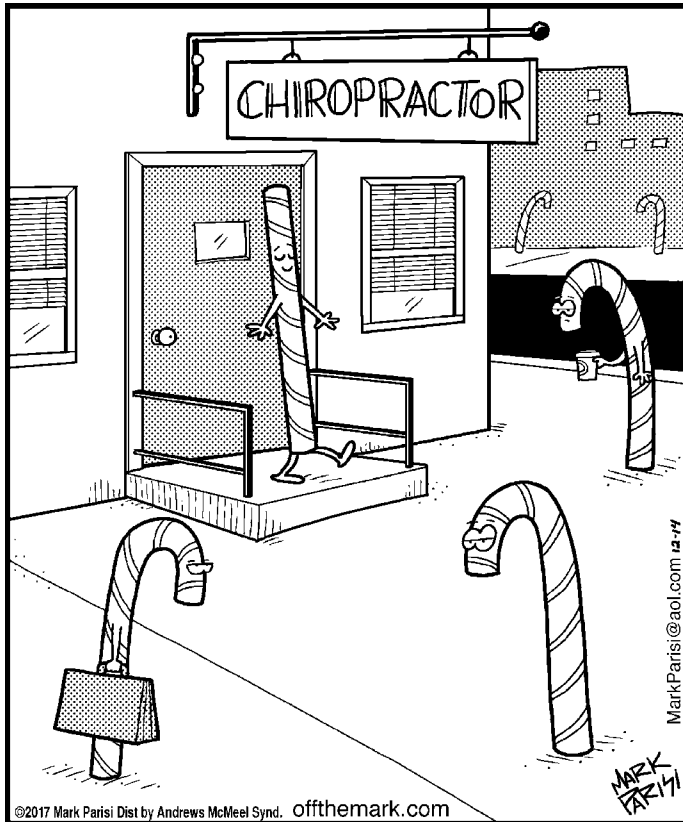
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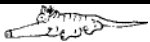
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Russo, Stanley S Russo, Sharon L	Joslin Robert W Est Joslin, Robert W	4 Crapo St	Marion	11/20/2017	335000
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Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	December 14	5:05	5:25	11:28	10:59
Friday	December 15	5:53	6:11	11:58	11:31
Saturday	December 16	6:35	6:53	...	12:29
Sunday	December 17	7:14	7:32	12:07	1:05
Monday	December 18	7:51	8:10	12:47	1:43
Tuesday	December 19	8:27	8:47	1:29	2:22
Wednesday	December 20	9:02	9:24	2:10	2:59
Thursday	December 21	9:38	10:03	2:50	3:34
Friday	December 22	10:16	10:44	3:29	4:08
Saturday	December 23	10:58	11:29	4:08	4:43
Sunday	December 24	11:44	...	4:50	5:23
Monday	December 25	12:16	12:33	5:40	6:11
Tuesday	December 26	1:05	1:25	6:44	7:09
Wednesday	December 27	1:58	2:21	8:03	8:11
Thursday	December 28	2:56	3:24	9:21	9:11
Friday	December 29	3:59	4:28	10:25	10:08
Saturday	December 30	5:00	5:29	11:21	11:02
Sunday	December 31	5:57	6:24		12:14
Phases of the Moon	New Moon	December 18th			
	First Quarter	December 26th			
	Full Moon	January 1st			
	Last Quarter	January 8th			



I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an armadillo. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*
In the December 7, 2017 issue the Aardvark was on page 22!

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

G	R	A	P	L	E	M	A	N	T	R	A	R	O	O	M	B	A
A	U	G	U	R	E	D	O	X	E	Y	E	S	A	S	T	E	R
B	E	A	T	I	N	G	T	H	E	W	R	A	P	I	C	O	N
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H	E	R	E	I	N		V	E	T		S	A	T	E		N	E
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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Liken; 2. Listen;
3. Oblige; 4. Betroth

Today's Word
KNITTING

Sudoku Answer	5	1	4	6	2	7	9	3	8
	2	7	6	9	8	3	5	1	4
	3	8	9	1	4	5	6	7	2
	1	4	8	2	6	9	3	5	7
	9	5	3	7	1	4	2	8	6
	6	2	7	5	3	8	1	4	9
	4	9	1	3	7	2	8	6	5
	8	6	2	4	5	1	7	9	3
	7	3	5	8	9	6	4	2	1

Sudoku Answer



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